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On the cover: Susan Wagner Lacy `70 was photographed by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, whose portraits are in the collections of The Museum of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum, the Whitney Museum, and the National Portrait Gallery, among others. In 2004, 700 of the New York City photographer's art world portraits were accepted into the permanent collections of The Museum of Modern Art and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Greenfield-Sanders is a contributing photographer at *Vanity Fair* magazine.

On this page: Students were fired up during Spirit Week preceding Homecoming, Oct. 23. At a Thursday evening bonfire on Jefferson Square, some students took marshmallow roasting to a whole new level.

Photo by Norm Shafer

UMW Says Good-bye to **Longtime Friend**

The University of Mary Washington lost one of its dearest friends Nov. 2, 2010, with the passing of **Arabelle Laws Arrington '41**. She and her husband of 57 years, the late Walter N. Arrington, worked side by side building their successful Arrington Motor Sales and Alwington Farm in Warrenton, Va.

Arabelle Laws Arrington

Arrington fell in love with Mary Washington when she and her mother, Blanche Laws, first visited campus in 1937. In turn, Arrington made it possible for others to attend the University, and she gave tirelessly to ensure that "her school" maintained and honed its excellence.

Throughout most of her 89 years, Arrington gave generously to Mary Washington, including substantial gifts to the Fund for Mary Washington, the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, and Friends of the Philharmonic Orchestra. She established challenge grants for nearly $500,000 in part for Arrington Scholarships for children of UMW faculty and staff. She was the honorary chair of the 1998 Centennial Campaign, which raised more than $75 million.

In recent years, Arrington turned her support toward scholarships, endowments, and University projects about which she cared passionately. "I would like for young people not to have to struggle to pay for school," she told *University of Mary Washington Magazine* in 2006. "If I can alleviate some of those fears about how to pay for college, I will be happy."

What the energetic alumna gave in dollars she more than matched in service to her alma mater. She served on the Mary Washington Board of Visitors and the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and she was president of the Foundation Board of Directors. Her enthusiasm for Mary Washington inspired countless students to attend the school.

UMW recognized Arrington with an honorary degree, the Doctor of Humane Letters, in 1998 and named Arrington Hall in her honor.

Arrington was an active, civic-minded resident of Warrenton and Fauquier County, and she was a devoted member of the Warrenton Baptist Church.

Contributions in her memory may be made to University of Mary Washington, 1119 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, Va. 22401.

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Great Lives Returns

The spring 2011 semester marks the eighth annual offering of the Chappell Lecture Series, *Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History*. From Martin Luther to Mickey Mantle, from Abigail Adams to Oprah Winfrey, the popular series lineup includes some of history's most fascinating figures, discussed by some of today's foremost biographers.

The 2011 program features recently published works by acclaimed authors. These include the biography of George Washington by Ron Chernow, whose previous studies of Alexander Hamilton and John D. Rockefeller won widespread praise. Other featured works are biographies of Cornelius Vanderbilt by J.T. Stiles, winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in biography, and Abigail Adams by Woody Holton, winner of the prestigious Bancroft Prize in 2010.

The upcoming series also includes a number of nationally renowned biographers as speakers. Among them are religious scholar Martin Marty, who will speak on Martin Luther; British historian Jeremy Black on James Bond; *Newsweek*'s Evan Thomas on John Paul Jones; and jazz critic Gary Giddins on Louis Armstrong.

Noted humor historian Thomas Inge of Randolph-Macon College will analyze the life and work of *Peanuts* creator Charles Schulz. Discussing Amelia Earhart will be Susan Butler, whose biography of the famed aviator served as a basis for the popular 2009 movie starring Hilary Swank.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Freedom Rides, bus rides organized by James Farmer to desegregate public transportation in the South, University of South Florida professor Raymond Arsenault will talk about the Freedom Riders. His lecture will be in conjunction with a special showing on campus of a new documentary on that important aspect of the civil rights movement. Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley will discuss another iconic figure of the movement, Rosa Parks.

Also timed to highlight a milestone is Charles J. Shields' presentation on Harper Lee, whose enduring *To Kill a Mockingbird* was published 50 years ago.

Former UMW political science professor Stephen Farnsworth, who is now at George Mason University, will speak on Lyndon Johnson. UMW Associate Professor of English Mara Scanlon will discuss Walt Whitman.

The series will conclude with a lecture on Oprah Winfrey by America's best-known – and frequently controversial – celebrity biographer, Kitty Kelley.

Books are available for purchase and for signing by the author following each lecture. For more information, call the UMW Special Events Office at 540/654-1065.

2011 Chappell Lecture Series

Tuesday, Jan. 18 – **Ayn Rand**
Jennifer Burns, assistant professor of history, University of Virginia

Thursday, Jan. 20 – **Martin Luther**
Martin E. Marty, professor emeritus, University of Chicago

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – **Charles Schulz**
M. Thomas Inge, professor of humanities, Randolph-Macon College

Thursday, Jan. 27 – **Abigail Adams**
Woody Holton, associate professor of history and American studies, University of Richmond

Tuesday, Feb 1 – **Custer/ Sitting Bull**
Nathaniel Philbrick

Thursday, Feb. 3 – **Louis Armstrong**
Gary Giddins

Tuesday, Feb. 8 – **Joseph Pulitzer**
James McGrath Morris

Tuesday, Feb. 15 – **Walt Whitman**
Mara Scanlon, associate professor of English, UMW

Thursday, Feb. 17 – **Harper Lee**
Charles J. Shields

Thursday, Feb. 24 – **George Washington**
Ron Chernow

Thursday, March 10 – **John Paul Jones**
Evan Thomas

Thursday, March 24 – **Lyndon B. Johnson**
Stephen Farnsworth, assistant professor of communication, George Mason University

Tuesday, March 29– **Amelia Earhart**
Susan Butler

Thursday, March 31 – **The Freedom Riders**
Raymond Arsenault, professor of Southern history, University of South Florida

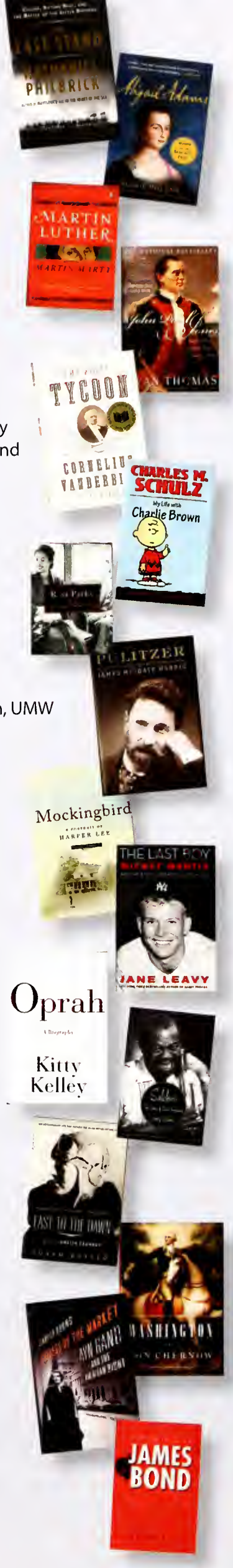
Thursday, April 7 – **Mickey Mantle**
Jane Leavy

Tuesday, April 12 – **James Bond**
Jeremy Black, professor of history, University of Exeter

Thursday, April 14 – **Cornelius Vanderbilt**
T.J. Stiles

Tuesday, April 19 – **Rosa Parks**
Douglas Brinkley, professor of history, Rice University

Thursday, April 21 – **Oprah Winfrey**
Kitty Kelley



Diverse Class Greeted by Hurley and Host of Activities

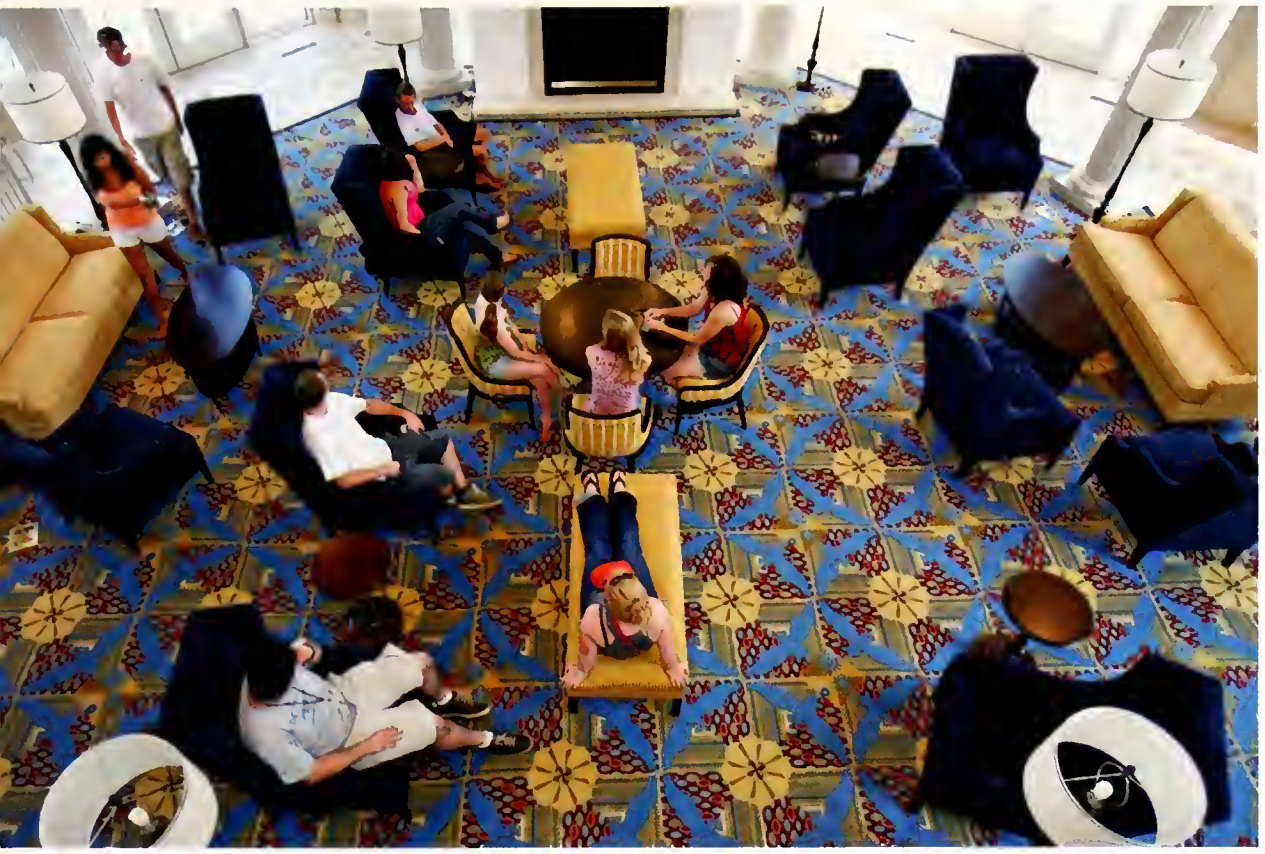
In August, President Richard V. Hurley offered a hands-on welcome to a freshman class of 966 students. In the sweltering temperatures of move-in day, Hurley circulated around campus, greeting new students and their parents. He even got down on his knees and helped assemble one new student's bunk bed.

After pitching in to help with the bed, Hurley extended his hand to the student, **Emma Eggers '14**. "I'm the president. I just wanted to welcome you," he said.

Eggers is among a diverse class of students. Of the 966 entering students, 171 are from 25 states outside of Virginia, including New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire, Texas, and Colorado. The class includes international students from Ethiopia, Romania, France, and Spain. Twenty percent of the students identified themselves as Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska native, Asian, Black or African American, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

Members of this year's freshman class scored high on SAT tests, with the middle 50 percent scoring between 540 and 630 in critical reading, 530 and 600 in math, and 530 and 610 in writing. The middle 50 percent scored between 24 and 26 on the ACT, formerly the American College Testing program. The middle 50 percent of UMW freshmen graduated from high school with a grade-point average between 3.29 and 3.85.

President Hurley, in the left photo directly above, welcomed new students to the grounds of Brompton for an ice cream social of amazing proportions, as shown in the adjacent photograph. Hurley spent the previous day helping students move in.



Orientation 101: Upperclassmen became familiar with new living space in Eagle Landing, top left, especially enjoying the rotunda. The Eagle provided a friendly welcome to all incoming students as they participated in recreational and service activities.

Service is a Way of Life at UMW

UMW made the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs. The honor was presented to COAR, UMW's Community Outreach and Resources program, whose 500 students volunteered nearly 6,600 hours in the community during the 2009-10 academic year. COAR also was recognized this year by the American Red Cross and Stafford County, Va.

The annual Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll award, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, recognizes more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues ranging from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

COAR members assisted more than 22 Fredericksburg-area schools and agencies last year, including Habitat for Humanity, the Thurman Brisben Center, the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, Friends of the Rappahannock, the American Red Cross, and Mary Washington Hospital. Over the past two years, COAR has more than doubled its number of service hours to the community.

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Red Cross recognized COAR for the second consecutive year with the College Campus Award for its outstanding blood drive program. During the last academic year, the UMW students collected 594 pints of blood for the Red Cross. COAR also was honored as a Community Partner for its tutoring program at Stafford Junction, a partnership in Stafford County's Olde Forge neighborhood.

The student group also made an impressive showing as host of the University's inaugural Relay for Life, a volunteer-driven cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Last spring, COAR raised awareness and more than $35,000 to help save lives from cancer.

Photos by Norm Shafer

Keltzy Bahena, 6, plays checkers with UMW freshman Heather Marshall (top right) at the Bragg Hill Family Life Center in Fredericksburg in October. At left, as part of freshman orientation, students work together to clean up the banks of the Rappahannock River, less than a mile from the Fredericksburg campus.

Fundraiser Makes Indelible Mark **on UMW Play Lab**

Who would have had any inkling that UMW's new Play Lab, which offers play-based learning for children with autism, would get a financial boost from a tattoo parlor?

The weekend of Sept. 11 and 12, 100 percent of the proceeds from tattoos purchased at Jack Brown's Tattoo Revival in Fredericksburg were donated to the Play Lab, which is run by UMW students and assists children with autism spectrum disorders.

Nicole Myers

It was the shop's fourth annual charity event for a Fredericksburg-area grass-roots group. The turnout on the first day of the event was the largest the shop has ever had for a charity fundraiser.

"It was unbelievable. We were packed. We had probably 20 people waiting from 10:30 on in the morning," Brown told the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*. When he opened on Saturday morning, a $20 donation had already been slipped under the door.

Nearly $10,000 was raised during the weekend. Several customers requested a tattoo of a puzzle piece, a symbol that has become associated with autism.

Nicole Myers, UMW associate professor of education, oversees the Play Lab. Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide scholarships for families who are unable to afford the Play Lab or who are already overwhelmed by expenses from other autism-related therapies.

Myers said she hopes the Play Lab will provide therapy in the Fredericksburg area for local children whose parents have had to drive to Northern Virginia or Richmond for assistance.

UMW PLAY LAB

Mary Washington **Gets Rave Reviews**

National independent evaluations give UMW high marks for both quality and value. *The Princeton Review* called UMW a public bastion of the liberal arts in Virginia, saying it is "not too big and not too small" and that Mary Washington offers "a private school education at half the cost."

The highly selective *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2011* named UMW one of the top 21 "Best Buys" in public education in America – the only institution of higher education in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C., to make the list.

The guide praised the school's fine education, reasonable price, and lovely campus. "Strolling among the university's elegant buildings of red brick with white columns has led more than one pleased parent to declare, 'Now this is what a college should look like.' The University of Mary Washington offers a first-rate liberal arts education. It has the feel of a private school with a public school price tag, and is an option that should be explored."

Here's a sampling of more of the national buzz about UMW:

– *U.S. News & World Report's 2011 Best Colleges*, the most widely read annual college guide, ranked UMW 13th in the South among master's-granting institutions and fifth among public institutions.

– Forbes.com 2010 listing of *America's Best Values* ranked UMW the 13th best public college and 58th among all universities in America. Of the 600 undergraduate institutions that the magazine considers the nation's best, UMW placed in the top 20 percent, ranking No. 121.

– The Peace Corps' 2010 list of *Top Producing Colleges and Universities* ranked UMW No. 2 among small colleges and universities. As of February 2010, 23 alumni were Peace Corps volunteers.

– *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's *100 Best Values in Public Colleges* named UMW to the 2010 list. The magazine ranked UMW the 38th best value for in-state tuition costs and 42nd when comparing out-of-state tuition.

– *Princeton Review* included UMW in its list of the *100 Best Value Colleges for 2010*, which featured the top 50 public and the top 50 private U.S. colleges and universities. It also featured UMW in its 2010 edition of *The Best 371 Colleges*.

– *Shine*, an online *Reader's Digest* magazine, called Mary Washington *A Top Financial Find*.

– The American Enterprise Institute's national *Diplomas and Dropouts* survey found that UMW had the third-highest graduation rate among "very competitive" Southern schools.

– *Parade* magazine's College A-List for the 2010-2011 academic year said UMW "combines the very best personalized community qualities of a liberal arts college with the diversity and curricular breadth of a university."

College of Business
Marks its Official Launch

Students in Creativity in Management class participated in a historic moment July 1. They became official members of the UMW College of Business.

Professor of Management and Marketing Margaret Mi halted her lecture, and Acting Dean of the College Larry Penwell entered the Chandler Hall classroom along with several other business faculty members. Penwell presented a proclamation declaring that day the official start of the College of Business.

Karen Pearlman

Changing Faces
on the BOV

Daniel Steen

In July, Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell appointed two new members to the UMW Board of Visitors: **Holly Tace Cuellar '89** of Virginia Beach and Joseph R. Wilson of Fredericksburg. The governor also reappointed Xavier R. Richardson, who will serve a second term. Cuellar and Wilson, who succeed **C. Maureen Stinger '94** and J. William Poole, each will serve a four-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

The 12-person Board named **Daniel K. Steen '84** of Arlington as rector and **Pamela J. White '74** of Baltimore as vice rector. Steen, who succeeds **Nanalou West Sauder '56**, and White will serve two years in these positions. **Patricia Branstetter Revere '63** of Midlothian, Va., will serve her second term as secretary.

Holly Cuellar

Richardson is executive vice president of corporate development and community affairs for Mary Washington Healthcare. In this capacity, he also serves as president of Mary Washington Hospital and Stafford Hospital foundations.

Cuellar was the Hampton Roads community outreach coordinator in the Office of the Attorney General in Norfolk, where she maintained and supported an educational program for Virginia schoolchildren. She also served on the City of Virginia Beach Gang Task Force and was a regional manager for the Keeping Virginia Safe and Strong programs.

In addition, Cuellar served as family coordinator on Gov. McDonnell's inaugural committee, a political director during McDonnell's campaign for governor, and a deputy scheduler in the Office of the Attorney General. She also served as legislative aide to McDonnell when he was a representative to the Virginia House of Delegates.

Wilson is owner and chief executive officer of PermaTreat Pest Control in Fredericksburg. The one-time Fredericksburg City Councilman is vice chairman of the board of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and a member of both the Commonwealth Pesticide Control Board and the Virginia Fire Services Board. Wilson serves on the Fredericksburg Alliance Board of Directors, the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, and the finance and community benefits committees with the Mary Washington Healthcare Board of Trustees.

Joseph Wilson

Among his honors, Wilson has been named Virginia's Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration, was the recipient of the Prince B. Woodard Citizenship Award by the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, and was named Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Fredericksburg Chapter of the Jaycees.

Small Business Development Center **Reaps Big Rewards**

Brian J. Baker '84, executive director of the University of Mary Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC), received the 2010 Virginia Small Business Development Centers State Star Award.

In addition, the UMW SBDC has received full reaccreditation by the Association of Small Business Development Centers, the national accrediting body for SBDCs under contract with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"The Small Business Development Center is a tremendous asset for this region," said UMW President Richard V. Hurley. "The center helps entrepreneurs start and grow businesses by offering management training, one-on-one counseling, research, and other support. Brian's award-winning operation is key to the University's renewed efforts to promote economic development, serve as a business and professional resource, and work with partners to solve local problems."

Baker, director of the UMW center for eight years, was selected for the State Star Award from a statewide field of nominees who are Virginia SBDC employees. He received the award for his leadership as chairman of the VSBDC Customer Strategies committee, his creation of the web-based VSBDC Resource Small Business Toolbox, and his work as host of the live monthly VSBDC program *NetTalk*.

"This is a shared success," Baker said. "We have a very talented and committed team and a supportive home at the University of Mary Washington." During the past five years, clients of the SBDC, based at UMW's Stafford campus, have experienced more than $44 million in sales growth, created and retained 2,500-plus jobs, and invested more than $46 million in business projects.

Brian J. Baker, executive director of the UMW Small Business Development Center, received a statewide award.

Chemistry Professor Receives **UMW Service Award**

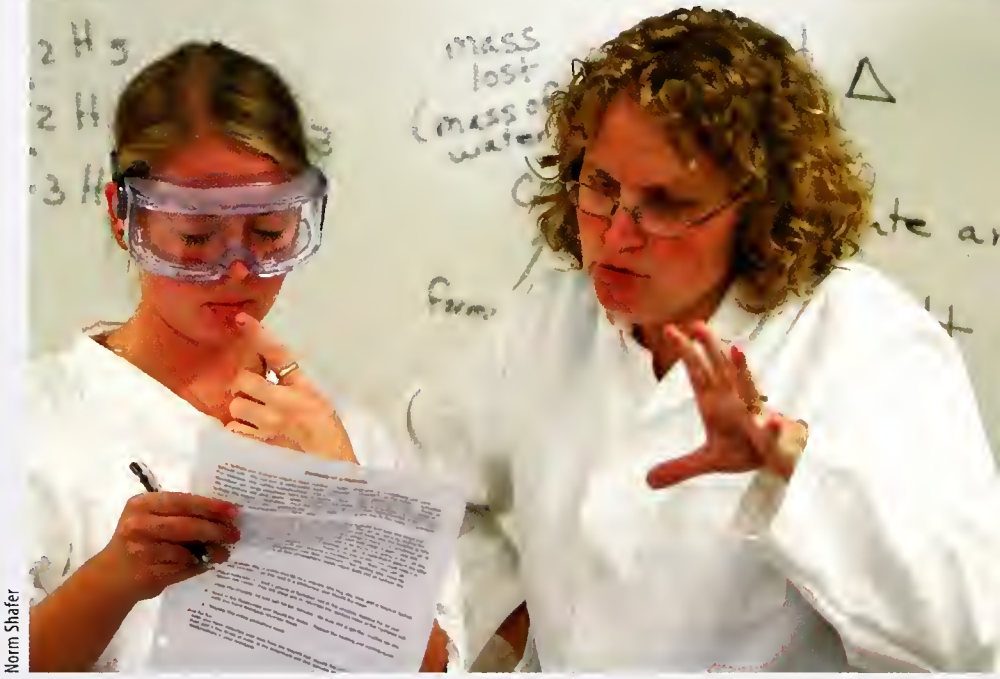
Kelli Miller Slunt '91, UMW professor of chemistry, was recognized for her contributions to the University and her involvement and leadership in the community. She received the J. Christopher Bill Outstanding Faculty Service Award.

Slunt joined the Mary Washington faculty in 1995, served as chair of the UMW Department of Chemistry for six years, and led the chemistry program's successful accreditation by the American Chemical Society. Slunt, who received a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Virginia, has served on numerous departmental and academic committees and is equally devoted to service outside the institution.

With the UMW American Chemistry Society student affiliate, Slunt developed *Make Chemistry Your Possibility*, a promotional video for elementary students. (Watch it on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3RlRv2Tx7Y) She created after-school science enrichment programs for elementary and middle school students, and she volunteers as an exhibits interpreter at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond.

Slunt developed the Science Inquiry in the Environment program through a $200,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Education Mathematics and Science Partnership. The program provides inquiry-based science content and support for more than 70 elementary school teachers in four school districts.

The Outstanding Faculty Service Award is named for "Topher" Bill, a member of the UMW teaching faculty from 1972 until his unexpected death in 2001.



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Chemistry Professor Kelli Slunt, right, works with Jennifer Sustar '13. Slunt was recognized for her devotion not only to students, but also to the community.

Celebrity Chef Doesn't Spare the Salt at Fredericksburg Forum

Karen Pearlman

Moderator Joe Yonan, food and travel editor of the *Washington Post*, shares a laugh with Anthony Bourdain, right, at the Fredericksburg Forum.

Fredericksburg Forum went culinary in September with Anthony Bourdain, chef, TV personality, and outspoken best-selling author. The always engaging and often profane Bourdain, wearing his signature slim jeans, jacket, and white button-down shirt, packed a sold-out Dodd Auditorium with die-hard fans, chefs, and mystified Bourdain-neophytes.

The one-time work-a-day cook is grateful for his celebrity and pop culture's new-found obsession with chefs. Recently celebrating the 100th episode of his Emmy Award-winning TV travel show, *No Reservations*, the man who stood "behind a deep fryer for 28 years" knows how good he's got it. "Suddenly it's a glamour profession," he said. "But who deserves to score better than chefs?"

Borrowing heavily from his recently published food-world exposé, *Medium Raw*, he mused on his food philosophy, his loves, and his hates – and gave a window into his acerbic-to-sweet changeable personality.

If he weren't a chef, Bourdain said, his dream job would be bass player for Parliament Funkadelic. Reading Hunter S. Thompson's gonzo journalism at age 13 changed his life. So did having his first child, Ariane, now 3, at age 50.

Bourdain had the Mary Washington audience in rapt attention for two hours, using a comic's perfect timing to bring them to laughter, only to turn serious – especially about food. Be a respectful tourist, he admonished, and a gracious guest. Accept the gift of hospitality even if it means eating something – or with someone – you don't necessarily approve of or like. "Food is telling you a story. It's a primal expression," Bourdain said. "I don't know if the meal is the answer to world peace, but it helps."

Fredericksburg Forum, Spring 2011

Scott Turow

Best-selling author of mystery and suspense novels, including *Presumed Innocent* and *The Burden of Proof*

March 17, 2011, 8 p.m.

Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall

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Dahlgren Campus Groundbreaking Heralds New Era for UMW

Karen Pearlman

UMW broke ground Sept. 17 on its third campus. In King George County, the Dahlgren Center for Education and Research will supplement UMW's Fredericksburg and Stafford County campuses in meeting the needs of not only the region, but also the state and the country.

The groundbreaking ceremony included UMW President Richard V. Hurley, members of the University Board of Visitors, and state and local officials.

"The Dahlgren campus will provide a new, technology-rich venue for graduate-level science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs," Hurley said. "The center will serve the needs of the military and the region's many defense-related contractors."

The $20.4 million, 40,000-square-foot facility, situated on 27 acres along U.S. 301 adjacent to Naval Support Facility

Biden Recognizes Student **Efforts Against Violence**

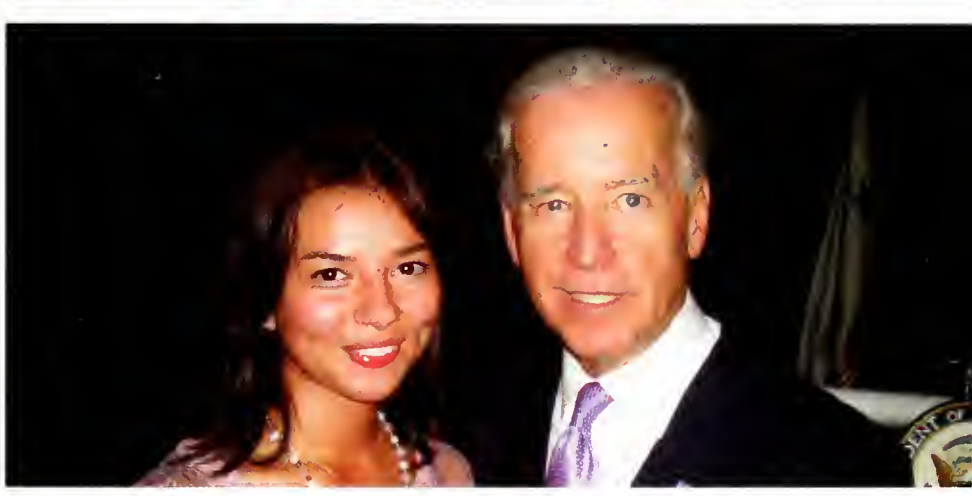
When Joe Biden paid tribute to the 16th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act, he invited two UMW students who are passionate about the cause. **Shelley Hillberry '11** and **James Sennett '12** were the guests of the Vice President and his wife, Jill Biden, at a reception at the Biden home on the grounds of the United States Naval Observatory in September.

Hillberry and Sennett are members of UMW Student Anti-Violence Educators (SAVE), a student group that raises awareness and provides education about sexual assault and relationship violence.

Vice President Biden stressed the importance of the Violence Against Women Act, which he drafted while he was a Delaware senator, and the efforts made by student organizations like SAVE. Jill Biden, who teaches English at Northern Virginia Community College, also spoke. Others who attended included founder of the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network Scott Berkowitz, White House advisor on Violence Against Women Lynn Rosenthal, and founder of the Joyful Heart Foundation Mariska Hargitay, who is an actor on TV's *Law and Order: SVU*.

Earlier that day, Hillberry and Sennett were among student representatives who met with Rosenthal and a panel of representatives from other interested federal departments. The students talked about their efforts to end dating violence and exchanged ideas on ways the government might help with prevention and education.

A high-profile assault on the UMW campus in 2008 inspired both Sennett and Hillberry to combat sexual assault and relationship violence. Sennett helped found SAVE in 2009, and Hillberry serves as SAVE president.



James Sennett, top, and Shelley Hillberry, bottom, members of UMW Student Anti-Violence Educators (SAVE), were the guests of Vice President Joe Biden to honor the anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act.

University officials and dignitaries donned hard hats and performed traditional groundbreaking duties, left, for the innovative 40,000-square-foot building that will house the UMW Dahlgren Center for Education and Research, which is depicted in a rendering below.

Dahlgren, is scheduled to open in January 2012.

The two-story building will feature a green roof with vegetation and a 3,300-square-foot conference room with a catering kitchen.

On this project, UMW is partnering with five other state schools – the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Virginia Commonwealth University, George Mason University, and Old Dominion University – plus the Naval Postgraduate School and Germanna and Rappahannock community colleges.

The King George site can accommodate at least one more facility in the future, Hurley said. He also said the presence of an academic facility helps protects the Dahlgren naval base from future closings related to the Base Realignment and Closure process.

UMW Rector Daniel Steen said the Dahlgren campus' offerings would provide programs to "promote economic development and to bolster our national defense efforts."

Student Helps Peers **Watch the Water Flow**

Geography major **Zac Wehrmann '11** thought students needed a tangible way to better understand processes such as river erosion and deposition. Inspired by several of his classes and an individual study of bank erosion at a local stream, he designed and built a stream table. It will be used in landform processes courses to supplement class lectures, textbooks, and field work.

Norm Shafer

Senior Zac Wehrmann, right, demonstrated his model of water and stream dynamics at Family Weekend.

"Zac is a highly motivated student," said Jacqueline Gallagher, associate professor of geography. "The stream table will help students better understand fluvial and coastal dynamics."

The model, which measures 6.5 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 8 inches deep, combines water with a custom "river mix" of colorful particles that have half the density of sand to allow a realistic view of how water interacts in different situations. Factors that affect stream behavior include velocity, slope, drainage density, and climate.

"Since it is a model, most of these variables can be manipulated to study the reaction within the system, and variables can be changed accordingly," Wehrmann said.

Funded through the UMW geography department and alumni donations, the stream table was unveiled in September for Fredericksburg Academy sixth-graders who took a field trip to the Fredericksburg campus. Wehrmann, who plans to pursue a master's degree in fluvial geomorphology, also demonstrated his project during Family Weekend.

In addition, Wehrmann has shared his geography knowledge outside of UMW. Last year, he was one of six members of the Virginia team – all but one from UMW – that earned first-place honors at the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers World Geography Bowl competition. He was scheduled to compete again in November at the Birmingham, Ala., conference, as well as present his research on land use, water quality, and stream behavior.

Student Rewarded for Research on Crude Oil Spills

Marie Sicola '12

Jonathan Williams '11 placed second at the Second Annual Undergraduate Research Competition at Florida State University in October. He was among 12 students chosen from a national pool of applicants for the selective event, sponsored by FSU's chemistry and biochemistry department.

Finalists were judged for originality, creativity, and execution. Williams' scientific research focused on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), environmental contaminants found in sources such as cigarette smoke and crude oil. Under the guidance of Charles Sharpless, associate professor of chemistry at UMW, Williams concentrated on the behavior of PAHs in crude oil spills.

Williams said the project helped him "learn the ropes of the research process" and improved his ability to communicate the findings. Last summer, he held a 10-week internship in Charleston, S.C., through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

UMW Political Science Department **Continues String of Victories**

Nicholas Jacobs '11 has won a prominent national essay competition, bringing to eight the number of times since 1995 that UMW undergraduates have claimed the top spot in the political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha's annual contest.

"This record of academic achievement is unmatched, as no other school in the nation has won more than twice," said Jack Kramer, chair of the UMW Department of Political Science and International Relations.

Jacobs recently won first place in Pi Sigma Alpha's 2010 competition for the best undergraduate class paper. His paper, *Professional Reputation: Why the First Year of the American Presidency is Overstated*, makes the case that the outcomes of a president's first year cannot be used as a simple predictor of future success or failure because there is no connection between the two.

A political science and education major, Jacobs is treasurer of the UMW chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and has been named to the Dean's List. His essay also was a winner in the natural and social sciences category of Mary Washington's 19th Annual Student Writing Contest. In addition, he presented the paper at the annual Virginia Social Science Association Conference in 2009 and received a UMW grant to conduct research on segregation in District of Columbia charter schools. He is writing an honors thesis on democratic education in public schools.

Pi Sigma Alpha, which has nearly 700 chapters on college and university campuses across the United States and in Guam, is the only honor society for college students of political science and government.

Marie Sicola '12

Nicholas Jacobs, a senior political science and education major, won the top award in a national political science essay competition.

Lucky Students Win Lottery: **Dinner at Brompton**

One night a month, several students get to forgo Seacobeck fare and head to a fine dining establishment: Brompton. President Richard V. Hurley and his wife, Rose, host a dinner gathering each month for students who are randomly selected to attend. At right, students enjoy a laugh with the Hurleys before dinner in October.

Norm Shafer

UMW Home to **"Women of Distinction"**

Two members of the UMW community were recognized as "Women of Distinction" in September by the Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia. Anna B. Billingsley, director of publications and design, and Grace Anne Braxton, Eagle's Nest dining room attendant, joined nine other Fredericksburg-area women honored at the 10th annual Women of Distinction awards banquet at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Anna B. Billingsley

Billingsley was recognized in the communications category. The longtime journalist edits *UMW Magazine* and oversees the University's editorial and design staff. Before coming to UMW in 2004, she was editor of the University of Richmond alumni magazine and taught journalism at UR and UMW. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, Billingsley holds a master's degree in journalism and public affairs from American University. She was a reporter and editor at Norfolk's *Ledger-Star*, Richmond's *News Leader*, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Fredericksburg's *Free Lance-Star*, and The Associated Press. She is chair of Hope House, which provides safe transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children; a board member of the Society of Professional Journalists Foundation; an active member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church; and a former Girl Scout troop leader.

Scott K. Brown

Grace Anne Braxton

Grace Anne Braxton was given an exceptional award for exemplifying courage. A Special Olympian since 1985, Braxton has worked for Sodexho at UMW for 15 years. A swimmer and bowler, Braxton has a passion for golf. She was born with an intellectual disability, something she said has been a struggle, but she has excelled at sports. Braxton was named Special Olympics Virginia athlete of the year in 1992 and won the 2005 Special Olympics national golf championship.

The 1990 James Monroe High School graduate was featured on the cover of *Virginia Golfer Magazine* in 2006, and in 2007 she traveled to Shanghai, China, for the Special Olympics World Summer Games. She returned to her hometown of Fredericksburg with the gold medal in golf. This year she won a second gold medal in golf at the Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln, Neb., and she got a hole-in-one at the Fredericksburg Country Club.

Next summer, Braxton will jet off to Athens, Greece, to compete for Team Virginia in the World Summer Games.

Creating a **Cultural Umbrella**

For more than a century, the creative pursuits of Mary Washington students and faculty have enriched the campus and surrounding communities. There are art exhibitions, plays, musical performances, and museum offerings.

Venues have been improved and expanded, including the Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont and the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. And now, this year, the fine and performing arts have joined forces under a single umbrella dubbed *UMW Arts for the Community* to solidify their image both on and off campus.

This move is important as UMW carries out a key component of its vision: positioning itself as a highly visible, valuable resource for a growing regional population in search of quality cultural and fine arts experiences. This commitment is clearly stated among the goals of the UMW Strategic Plan – to enhance, strengthen, and promote the fine and performing arts, museums, libraries, and other rich cultural resources. *UMW Arts for the Community* further advances the University's standing as a premier provider of cultural arts to the campus community and beyond.

Please visit www.umw.edu/arts4community online for an updated list of cultural events and to learn more about the benefits of supporting the arts at Mary Washington.

– Mary R. "Ranny" Nichols Corbin '71

UMW Artists **Take It to the Streets**

University of Mary Washington students with a penchant for the arts helped transform a downtown city street into a temporary art gallery at the first Fredericksburg Via Colori Festival. They were among about 75 artists who registered for the community event organized by the Fredericksburg Arts Commission.

Pastels in hand, students worked in two-hour shifts on Saturday, Sept. 25, to transform a 10-by-10-foot square of Charlotte Street from black pavement to a colorful creation that incorporated multiple masterpieces.

Under the direction of Distinguished Professor of Art Joe Di Bella, 25 students signed on to decorate the pavement with excerpts from works by notable artists such as Johannes Vermeer, Vincent Van Gogh, and Andy Warhol.

Ashleigh Buyers '12 was one of the first students to sign up for Via Colori. Her research on international street painter Kurt Wenner inspired her to participate.

"It's a really good experience for a budding artist," said Buyers. "What's really nice about our work is how we're commemorating the artists we hold in high esteem."

Surrounded by computer-generated drafts and pencil sketches of images, students spread themselves throughout a grid and paid careful attention to line, shape, and form as they transferred their creations from one canvas to another.

"I was very impressed with the cooperative and community spirit of the students who participated in Via Colori," Di Bella said.

Via Colori was co-sponsored by the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra. Each square was sponsored by a business, organization, or other entity, and proceeds from the sponsorships will be used to support arts-based education in the community.

Getting Real **at Belmont**

The *New Reality: The Frontier of Realism in the 21st Century* is on exhibit at Gari Melchers Home and Studio through Feb. 27, 2011. Organized by the International Guild of Realism, this exhibition of 65 paintings not only showcases the latest developments in Realist painting around the world, but it also compares those artworks with their historical predecessors. Among the featured works is Debra Teare's *Mondrian's Self Portrait*, 2006, pictured right.

Each artist was asked to identify one historical painting to compare and contrast to his or her modern-day work. The images are produced in a wide variety of media – including oil, acrylic, egg tempura, graphite, and colored pencil. Beside each featured painting is displayed a small image of the comparative art work chosen by the painter.

To encourage visitors to engage in the work and collaborate in the exhibition, the Gari Melchers Home and Studio is hosting *Add Your Voice* on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to share their written or videotaped thoughts on this unique collection of modern realistic paintings, which were inspired by the Old Masters.

To learn more about the exhibit or about Gari Melchers Home and Studio, which is administered by the University of Mary Washington, visit garimelchers.org or call 540/654-1015.

Students worked throughout the day to transfer art from paper to pavement.

Ed Hegmann Inducted into Women's Collegiate **Tennis Hall of Fame**

UMW Athletic Director Ed Hegmann joined the elite of women's tennis in November. That's when the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) inducted the longtime UMW women's tennis coach into its Tennis Hall of Fame. With that national honor, he joins such luminaries as International Tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King and Olympic gold medalist Helen Wills Moody.

Hegmann coached his Mary Washington Eagles to three national collegiate titles and nine consecutive conference championships. He was named Division III National Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1999.

Hegmann called the ITA honor "humbling." He reminded a colleague that the credit goes to the student-athletes who played all the matches and won the championships. "Without their dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence – both on and off the court – there is no Hall of Fame award," he said.

One of those players, **Beth Todd Amlung '95**, traveled from Louisville, Ky., to Virginia for the induction ceremony, leaving her husband and 3-year-old behind, to see the man she calls simply "Coach" honored. Amlung played for Hegmann from 1991 to 1995, the year she was named Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Player of the Year and Hegmann was named CAC Coach of the Year.

Amlung has had her own 17-year coaching career, including a year as assistant tennis coach at Colgate University and head women's tennis coach at DePauw University from 1998-2000. She calls Hegmann one of her "great mentors."

To Amlung, Hegmann was a consistent and superior teacher of not only tennis but also the discipline it takes to succeed. He knew his players – knew when one wasn't studying or which "guy" another thought was cute just by observing, she said. When Amlung was a high school player and first met the coach, he assured her he'd be like a parent. When they butted heads one time, she reminded him of that.

"He clarified that he never promised to be like MY parents," she said. "That was Coach, and I thank God I played for him."

Hegmann came to Mary Washington in 1976 after earning a doctorate in education at Temple University. A three-sport high school athlete in his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa., he considered a career in baseball but instead headed to Bucknell University for an undergraduate degree, the military, and then his first job coaching women's tennis when he was a master's student at Springfield College.

In his 23 years as UMW tennis coach, Hegmann led the Eagles to the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national title in 1982 and National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III titles in 1988 and 1991. In all, he gained eight CAC Coach of the Year awards and captured nine straight CAC championships between the league's inception in 1990 and 1999, his last year of coaching.

Consistent wins and great stats don't come easy. Hegmann was fortunate to have players who were tough enough to do the work to achieve the type of successful collegiate tennis careers most athletes merely dream of, he said. The players' families deserve their share of the credit, too. "I was blessed with many players whose parents stressed strong work ethics and supported great competitive attitudes when other parents around them did not believe that 'daughters' should be so aggressive and competitive."

Hegmann called himself an "old-school" coach who relentlessly pushed his athletes to achieve goals they never

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Hegmann, left, is overseeing every step of construction of the Anderson Center, from choosing tile to inspecting construction with President Rick Hurley, right.

Hegmann was named NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year in 1988, above, seated left, an honor he was given again in his last year coaching UMW women's tennis, 1999. Pictured left, Hegmann congratulates Anna Jackson '94, center, and Laura Graham '93 after they were named 1992 doubles champions for the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association (ITCA)/Rolex, Division III Women's Tennis Regional Tournament at Mary Washington.

thought possible – the same goals he believed they could reach. He hopes that time has allowed them to not only take pride in their achievements but also see the great affection he had for them. "When I had to deliver tough messages about poor performances or old habits that just weren't dying fast enough, I suspect they were not feeling my love at the time, but only the sting of my words," he said.

Christine Copper '91 remembers the hard lessons *and* the devotion. The U.S. Naval Academy professor of chemistry played for Hegmann from 1987 to 1991. She was on UMW NCAA National Champion teams in 1989 and 1991. She was an All-American in doubles once and singles twice. In 1991, Copper was named the ITA Division III National Senior Player of the Year and the UMW female scholar-athlete of the year.

Copper's life lesson from Hegmann was character: He made her think about how she acted, what she said, and what she did – on and off the court, academically and socially. The former Naval Academy women's tennis coach said that Hegmann taught athletes to be honest with themselves about how much effort they gave in a match or about how hard they really worked. Take responsibility. No excuses.

"Coach was tough on us because he wanted us to do well not only at tennis," Copper said, "but also in life."

Hegmann is equally committed to the sport. He directed the ITA and NCAA southeast regional tournaments for 20 years and hosted three NCAA Division III national men's and women's tournaments at UMW. Earlier this year, he was honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as a winner of the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award.

Hegmann has grown the Mary Washington athletic program from six to 23 varsity sports. He was a major catalyst in the development of the Battleground Athletic Complex, one of the finest outdoor facilities in the nation, and was instrumental in planning the UMW Indoor Tennis Center, built in 2005. In addition to the school's top-notch 12-court lighted outdoor facility, the six-court indoor complex has allowed UMW to host five men's tennis and women's national tennis championships. Today Hegmann is deeply involved in the construction of the William M. Anderson Center, a basketball and volleyball arena that will seat nearly 2,000 fans and allow UMW to host NCAA competitions at the highest levels in those sports.

The ITA Women's Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame began in 1995 and is housed at the College of William and Mary. Every two years, it honors exceptional players, coaches, and contributors in women's intercollegiate tennis. Categories include: outstanding players; players who attended college and later had a significant impact on women's tennis; outstanding coaches; and individuals or corporations that played a major role in the development of women's intercollegiate tennis.

Athletic Hall Of Fame
Inducts Five Stars

Five alumni were inducted into the University of Mary Washington Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend in October. The 2010 class – the 15th group of inductees – includes former swimmers **Mariah Butler Vogelgesang '00** and **Kim Myers Corazzini '00**, soccer standouts **Johanna Klein '00** and **Craig Gillan '98**, and field hockey star **Stephanie Lowe '96**.

Mariah Butler Vogelgesang

Mariah Butler Vogelgesang was the first four-year All-American in any sport in school history, gaining eight All-America awards in her UMW career. In 1997, she became the only swimmer in Capital Athletic Conference history to gain both CAC Swimmer of the Year and Rookie of the Year in the same season. In four years at UMW, she never lost a CAC championship race, going unbeaten in 12 individual and eight relay races. Vogelgesang still ranks in the school's all-time top 10 in the 100-yard butterfly, the 200-yard butterfly, the 200 individual medley, and the 400 individual medley. An attorney, Vogelgesang today serves as director of institutional equity supporting equal opportunity and affirmative action at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Kim Myers Corazzini

Kim Myers Corazzini was named CAC Swimmer of the Year in 1999 and 2000, and she claimed 10 All-America awards in three years competing at the NCAA Championships. She finished her career at UMW holding four individual and five relay school and conference records. When she graduated in 2000, she held more All-America awards than any other UMW athlete in any sport. Corazzini still ranks among the school's all-time top 10 in seven individual events. Today, she is a vice president of default operations, reporting, and strategy for SunTrust Mortgage.

Johanna Klein

Johanna Klein, one of the top soccer players in UMW history, steered the team to unprecedented heights during her career. She led the Eagles to top-8 finishes at the NCAA Tournament in 1997 and 1998, claiming All-America honors and gaining first team all-conference kudos in each of her four years. She ranks among the school's all-time leaders in points, goals, and assists for a season and career. Klein is now a physical therapist practicing in Reston, Va.

Craig Gillan

Craig Gillan led the men's soccer team to the 1997 NCAA Division III Final Four with a 21-3-1 record, claiming All-America honors as the CAC Player of the Year from the defender position. A two-year co-captain, Gillan scored 21 goals and six assists, a very high total for a defender, and gained All-Capital Athletic Conference honors in 1996 and 1997. Today, he serves as director of e-commerce for Charlotte Russe in La Jolla, Calif.

Stephanie Lowe had the greatest career of any goalie in UMW field hockey history, leading the 1993 team to the Final Four by recording the lowest goals-against average in NCAA Division III history. She allowed only seven goals in 24 games, a 0.39 GAA, and posted 18 solo shutouts, also among the best in Division III history. She still holds the UMW season and career records for shutouts, save percentage, and goals-against average. She now works for the U.S. government.

Stephanie Lowe

Rowing the **Rappahannock**

UMW teams close to home on the river

A brand new home on the Rappahannock River welcomed the University of Mary Washington men's and women's rowing programs as the teams began practicing in September for the fall regatta season. As the teams began their 13th season as a varsity sport, the location by Fredericksburg City Dock was the launching point for team practices. In the past, rowers practiced at the Hope Springs Marina, in Stafford, Va., and before that at Lake of the Woods.

The dock's location less than two miles from campus cuts down significantly on time commuting to and from practice, a welcome bonus to student-athletes looking to add valuable minutes to their study time.

"It has both reduced our travel time and increased our exposure," said Richard Wilson, head rowing coach. "Hopefully the greater exposure leads to greater participation by student-athletes and increased fundraising. Also, it's nice to continue the long tradition of racing boats on the Rappahannock that dates back hundreds of years."

The historic site from which the teams now launch once was part of a wharf complex that was the center of commerce and transportation to and from Fredericksburg. The wharf complex stretched north along the Rappahannock River to where a railroad bridge now stands. In 1855, travelers could board a vessel at the wharf complex bound for ports in cities such as New York, Boston, and Portland, Maine. Goods and passengers have flowed from this site since the founding of Fredericksburg in 1728, and it has enabled folks to navigate the Rappahannock River by canoes, ferries, sailing vessels, and most anything that could float.

Director of Athletics Ed Hegmann has dreamed for years of a home for his rowers on the Rappahannock River, and student-athletes have needed it for longer still – it's been four decades since Mary Washington began its first women's club team. "When the program began," he said, "they rowed on Motts Run Reservoir and kept equipment in an old wooden shack."

In the future, the University's goal is to build a boathouse on the Stafford County side of the Rappahannock, south of the team's current launch point, which could serve both UMW and the Fredericksburg community, Hegmann said.

The coach of nearly 35 years wants UMW athletes' fervor to spread to others along the river.

"As the City of Fredericksburg seeks to invigorate the Rappahannock waterfront with parks and walking trails, I sincerely hope our rowing program's presence will provide a positive spark to that effort," Hegmann said.

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Triumvirate Sets Pace for New University Structure

With three new deans, UMW embarks upon a new era. Standing left to right are Mary L. Gendernalik-Cooper, dean of the College of Education; Richard Finkelstein, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and Larry W. Penwell, acting dean of the College of Business.

What happens when you take a tradition-bound yet progressive university and branch it into three colleges?

Three new deans build connections as they conceptualize colleges

| By Anna B. Billingsley

| Photos by Norm Shafer

You get three new deans. And at University of Mary Washington, they come with top-notch credentials and a can-do, collaborative attitude.

Richard Finkelstein, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since July, came to UMW from a 27-year tenure at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo. Most recently, he served as chair of the English department there. Finkelstein was instrumental in establishing a new major in creative writing, creating a new minor in film studies, and helping to win National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education endorsement for the SUNY Geneseo School of Education. He promoted courses in Asian-American, African-American, Native-American, and post-Colonial literatures while maintaining the department's strength in British and American literatures.

Larry W. Penwell, acting dean of the College of Business, has been at UMW for 22 years. An organizational development and change consultant with expertise in the areas of group and organizational dynamics, he has written numerous scholarly articles with titles ranging from *Happiness, Depression, and the Pollyanna Principle* to *Leadership and Group Behavior in Human Space Flight Operations*. A specialist in conflict management, Penwell also has served as director of the University reaccreditation self-study.

The College of Education chose Mary L. Gendernalik-Cooper as dean. She came to UMW in August from a position as dean of the School of Education at Sonoma State University in California. Throughout her career,

Gendernalik-Cooper has cultivated collaborations between educator preparation programs and public schools, including the creation of sustainable professional development school networks and teacher leadership programs. While at Sonoma State, she co-authored a National Science Foundation grant worth $900,000, bringing to more than $2 million the total amount of academic grant funding for which she has been responsible. UMW is the third deanship for Gendernalik-Cooper, who has held positions at Georgia Southwestern State University, San Diego State University, Augusta State University, Mary Baldwin College, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Academy for the Profession of Teaching, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Wayne State University. A member of the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Gendernalik-Cooper has received awards and authored many academic articles throughout her career in education, which began as a history and social studies classroom teacher.

The three deans meet together regularly and share a pioneering spirit. All report to University Provost Jay Harper, who, they say, encourages them to be entrepreneurial. What follows are excerpts from a recent conversation, during which the three talked about their visions, as well as shared goals. They emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary work, a strong liberal arts foundation, and faculty self-governance.

Penwell: *We are not just creating three new colleges; we are institutionalizing the University. The new college structure is something we've been talking about for a long time; it seemed a distant dream that's now becoming reality. We're actually becoming what we thought we should become.*

For the College of Business, accreditation is a big issue. We are designing the program toward AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation in 2018. And, our Faculty Council is molding our structure.

Arts and Sciences will remain important for the other two colleges. We do not want to remove ourselves from a liberal arts grounding.

Finkelstein: *There will be no big changes in Arts and Sciences. We will remain the core of the University; but with the new structure, our influence will reach more widely. We are exploring interdisciplinary ventures and some additional majors.*

I'm working with faculty and students to maintain our existing strengths and to build on them. The process is very invigorating.

Gendernalik-Cooper: *We, too, are building on strong traditions. Creating a new College of Education is inspiring, challenging, and compelling. Like the College of Business, we are conscientious about quality and are exploring the opportunities for national accreditation.*

The most important thing is that we make sure our graduates are going into schools well prepared to help P-12 students excel.

Both Penwell and Gendernalik-Cooper talked about the challenges of combining two distinct campuses – and faculty members on each – into one coherent college. The two deans have offices in both Fredericksburg and Stafford. They both are looking toward flexibility for non-traditional students.

All of the deans look forward to enhancing ties with alumni. Finkelstein said these connections will help them maintain the essential character and traditions of Mary Washington. Because each college will require additional resources, the deans talked about "friend-raising" as well as fundraising.

Penwell had the last word when he described the process of establishing new colleges. He said, "It is sort of like stepping out of an airplane at 14,000 feet – a leap of faith and quite a rush."

Connections with Community are Key

Associate Provost Meta Braymer is making community inroads with UMW's new Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement.

UMW's new Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement, created as a result of University restructuring, is creating a web of connections while fulfilling one of the institution's strategic initiatives.

President Richard V. Hurley created the division after the former College of Graduate and Professional Studies was divided into the College of Business and the College of Education. Many significant programs, including community outreach, the Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Professional Development, didn't fit neatly into either of the new colleges.

The division has become home to those projects and others while also carrying out a key component of the University's strategic plan. Goal No. 6 states that UMW should serve as a forum through which regional partners can solve problems, enhance connections, and serve a leadership role with defense and governmental establishments.

"This is a chance to create partnerships with faculty, students, the community, and the region – a way to generate and enhance collaboration," said Associate Provost Meta Braymer, who heads the division. "Community members want to engage – they want to be our partners – and that's really what makes it all so rewarding."

Braymer, who has been with UMW for more than 20 years, led the development of the Stafford campus and served as vice president and dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. She also has worked closely with the University president on government and external relations, and strategic initiatives and partnerships. In her new role, Braymer is responsible for identifying and developing new academic-business opportunities and for entering UMW into alliances that support economic development and community engagement.

Since its creation in July, the division has had its hand in a number of University projects. Now in the planning stages is a regional conference scheduled for September 2011 that will bring together the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, and others. The sole purpose of the conference is the creation of partnerships between the local community and the University.

The division – which oversees the Dahlgren campus, ElderStudy, and the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree completion program – also is teaming with Luck Development Partners on a possible education and research center that would promote sustainability and has the potential for student internships, faculty research, and small businesses opportunities.

Plans for the future of the division include investigating creation of an on-site telework center, a faculty consulting institute, and a center for entrepreneurship.

"I think the division will just keep growing," Braymer said. "There are more possibilities than I can even imagine."

– Melina Downs

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An American MASTER

Susan Lacy's passion sparked stellar PBS series

by Austin Merrill '91

Susan Lacy '70 sat at her desk and smiled. "I love this," she told me. "I love what I do." In front of her was a half-eaten bowl of salad, forgotten among piles of paperwork that were squared off into orderly blocks and rows. Stacks of books and DVDs teetered on shelves, and snapshots of family and friends smiled down on her from the walls. It's an unremarkable Manhattan office, as offices in Manhattan go. Small, no windows. With the accumulated heaps and the low light, it felt a bit like a bunker. But a few feet above her left shoulder, up near the ceiling, there is a shelf that gleams like a crown. Trophies and plaques are piled together there, fighting for space. They are Emmys, mostly, but there are Peabodys and other awards, too. There isn't room for them all – even more plaques lie in a stack on the floor.

Lacy glanced up at the hardware. "When I can focus on making films," she said, "I'm in heaven."

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In the 40 years since she graduated from Mary Washington, Susan Wagner Lacy has become one of the country's biggest names in documentary filmmaking. As the executive producer of *American Masters*, the PBS series she created in 1986 to celebrate the greats of American art and culture, she has produced more than 160 films. Her subjects have included such luminaries as Ella Fitzgerald, Clint Eastwood, Ernest Hemingway, and Sidney Poitier. She's gone on tour with Paul Simon, collaborated with Martin Scorsese, and one of her films – *The Ten-Year Lunch: The Wit and Legend of the Algonquin Round Table* – received the 1987 Oscar for Best Documentary. *American Masters* has won two Grammy Awards, nine Peabodys, and 21 Emmys.

The series is now in its 25th season, and Lacy's lineup for the next year includes movies about Jeff Bridges, James Taylor, John Muir, and Helen Keller. But it is *LENNONYC* – her film on the last nine years of John Lennon's life, when New York City was his home – that has garnered the most attention.

I went to see Lacy in the last frenzied days of wrapping up the movie, just before its debut at the 2010 New York Film Festival. "We're really at an unbelievably critical moment," Lacy said, as members of her staff shuttled in and out of her office to ask advice on edits, brief her on projected audience numbers, and update her on celebrity RSVPs for opening night. "We're premiering a week from tomorrow, and we haven't finished the film."

LENNONYC came together in six months – lightning speed in the world of documentaries – and it wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of Yoko Ono. "I wrote Yoko a letter, and she took it seriously," Lacy said, silver bracelets jangling on her wrists. "I couldn't believe she said 'yes' to me. And it was almost immediately." Ono worked extensively with Lacy's team, sitting for long interviews, providing audio files and video footage, and helping reach out to Lennon's friends and fellow musicians from his New York years.

John Lennon was Lacy's favorite Beatle. "I always thought he was the coolest," she told me. "And the film reminds you of what a swell guy he was. He was vulnerable; he was humble. He had kindness in him; he also had cruelty in him. And he was extremely funny.

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Above: Yoko Ono and Susan Lacy at the after party for the 48th New York Film Festival world premiere of WNET.org's *LENNONYC*, which Lacy produced

Previous spread: Lacy in her office at THIRTEEN, WNET public television station in New York City

This is probably the most intimate film that's ever been made about him."

Lennon moved to New York with Yoko Ono in August of 1971 after the breakup of the Beatles. What he found in the city, in the shops, on the streets, and in his apartments – first in Greenwich Village and later in the Dakota, on 72nd Street and Central Park West – was a place that offered refuge from the madness of Beatlemania. "He loved this city," Lacy said. "The art scene was here, and Yoko was very much a part of that. She brought him into a world he didn't really know. She was the one with the relationship with the Warhols and the others. He loved that."

Richard Nixon's re-election in 1972 sent Lennon spiraling into a period of heavy drinking, which led to a breakup with Ono and an 18-month stay in Los

Angeles, a period he later referred to as the "lost weekend." *LENNONYC* covers all that ground and more, culminating in his move back to New York, where he reunited with Ono, spent five years raising their son, Sean, and began making music again before he was gunned down outside the Dakota on Dec. 8, 1980.

"It was this incredibly fruitful period," Lacy said. "But, sadly, it wasn't long enough. He takes time out to be a father, then goes back to recording. The film is about the peace he found as a human being and a father and a husband. He was coming to terms with himself." Lacy paused and dabbed her eyes. "I cry when I think about it. I cry every time I see the film, and I've seen it a thousand times."

Lacy's success at *American*

Masters has had much to do with her determination and fierce work ethic. "Everybody laughed at me when I had the idea for the series, and now I'm getting lifetime achievement awards," Lacy said. "The truth is that I refused to accept that the series wouldn't happen. I have survived because I'm passionate about it. And I really believe that passion and grit and tenacity pay off." From the outset, Lacy had a clear plan for what she wanted the series to be – "a library of American cultural history in the 20th century." That meant profiles of flashy, obvious names like Charlie Chaplin and Louis Armstrong, but it also meant equally thoughtful films on people less likely to draw high ratings, such as the composer John Cage and the silent film actress Lillian Gish. "The critics loved the series from day one," Lacy said.

The people she's worked with through the years have become some of her biggest fans. Over the course of a single afternoon in her office, one colleague after another interrupted our conversation to shower praise on her.

"I love working with Susan," Michael Epstein, the director of *LENNONYC*, told me a couple of days later. "It's the single best place to make films in television. And I knew that Yoko was never going to say yes to *me*. I rode Susan's coattails on this. She's built an amazing legacy. When Susan Lacy calls and says, 'I want to put you in *American Masters*,' you don't get noes. It's not just

Photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, left, directed *Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart*, Greenfield-Sanders' first film, for which Lacy, second from left, was executive producer. The 1998 Grammy Award-winning documentary about Reed, second from right, was produced by Karen Bernstein, right. Greenfield-Sanders shot the cover image of Lacy for this magazine.

power, it's respect. It's an understanding that it's going to be done right; it's going to have a breadth of research that nobody else can do, and it's going to have a kind of signature quality. It doesn't matter if I'm making the film or if it's somebody else, the common denominator in all of this is Susan."

While raising the stature of

American Masters, Lacy also raised two daughters – women who are now in their early 30s and have followed their mother into the world of film. Jessica Lacy is an agent at International Creative Management in Los Angeles, where she works in the indie film division, and Gwyn Welles is an independent documentary filmmaker in New York.

Growing up in Manhattan, Lacy's daughters had an upbringing quite different from her own.

Lacy's parents were immigrants from Germany. "My father came to New York to get away from Hitler in the late 1930s," Lacy said. During the war, he went back to Europe as an American soldier in an intelligence unit of German speakers. He was a violinist, and one night during the occupation he went to a concert and fell in love with the concert pianist. The couple was soon married and moved to New York City. Lacy was born in 1948 in a hospital in the Bronx. "But that's only because the cab was there at the time," she told me. "It was a really sudden birth."

Lacy's family led a nomadic life. "We had no money," Lacy said. "My mother was a musician, my father was a musician, and they thought they could do that for a while. We traveled around, but that didn't work. So my father decided to start a restaurant in a mining town in Illinois. But they didn't know anything about that kind of food. They didn't know about hotcakes, they knew about crêpes suzette. So they went bust."

The Battlefield

The 1969 *Battlefield* yearbook pictured Lacy, above, in the *Bullet* student newspaper office when she was editor-in-chief, her senior year. She was managing editor her junior year, below, when this photo appeared in the annual.

The family moved to Farmville, Va., where her father ran the food service at Longwood College, now Longwood University. "It was the first time I ever lived in any place long enough to get invited to a birthday party," Lacy said. "I loved it there. I was in the second grade, we had a pool we went to, and I began to have something of a normal life. But it turned out that Farmville was the largest town in the only county in the country that closed the schools rather than integrate after *Brown vs. Board of Education*. So my father said we had to move. I was in the fifth grade, and I had friends and I didn't want to move. And he said, 'One day you'll understand that I didn't leave Nazi Germany for this.'"

They wound up in Baltimore, where her father followed the Orioles and took Lacy to the World Series in 1966 and 1969. "My father became a rabid baseball fan," she said. "It had something to do with the fact that during the Battle of the Bulge he'd been arrested because of his German accent. To determine whether or not you were American, they asked you baseball questions. And my father didn't know anything about it. So when he came back, he said, 'If you're going to be a real American you have to know about baseball.' So baseball became his thing."

Lacy arrived at Mary Washington in fall of 1966 for what would be an exciting and tumultuous four years. She

Paul Simon chats with directors Susan Steinberg, right, and Lacy, center, for *Great Performances Paul Simon: Born at the Right Time.* The 1993 film was selected for the Sundance Film Festival and received a Peabody Award.

lived in Framar for three of those years, rode horses on the equestrian team, and majored in American studies. Two of her favorite professors were Art Tracy and Don Glover. "I got to study all the things I was interested in and had amazing teachers. It was an incredible education," Lacy said. "And the most beautiful campus!"

The late '60s were turbulent on many American college campuses, and Mary Washington was no exception. "It was the height of everything in those years," Lacy said. And as editor of *The Bullet*, she frequently found herself at the heart of the trouble. "I don't think I was very popular with the administration. I was a muckraker. And when I led sit-ins, they wouldn't know what hit them." She had a hand in shutting down the campus one spring due to a protest over the Vietnam War, and she led a march from Fredericksburg to Washington. "We were very serious about all this, and we had quite a lot of followers," she said. "When I graduated, [President] Grellet Simpson took my parents aside and said, 'I cannot tell you how many times I wanted to take your daughter over my knee and spank her.'"

Lacy made *The Bullet* into a theme-oriented paper, "a mouthpiece for what we believed in," she said. "We thought we were amazing. And we won a lot of awards." For one issue she put a WANTED poster of Jesus Christ on the front page and published essays on "Christian radicalism." The issue came out near Thanksgiving, and when she got back to campus she found that all her advertisers had dropped out. "There was such a ruckus. People were threatening to lynch me," she said. "The school had to get a bodyguard for me for a few weeks." She was interviewed about the scandal by one of the networks, and the story was sent all over the world. "The most amazing thing happened," Lacy said. "I started getting letters from people all over the world with money. A dollar bill. Five dollars, 10 dollars. All to support the paper. And we stayed afloat."

In 1968, Lacy was selected to join nine other student

editors from universities across the country – Harvard, Yale, UCLA, and others – to publish a daily student paper covering the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. She was the only woman on the team. "Me and nine guys in one room at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel, which overlooked everything," Lacy said. "McGovern gave us his press headquarters to type our stories, and the *Chicago Daily Defender* printed us." One day she went out to watch the police mobilize. "It was the scariest thing I've ever seen in my life," she said. "They started beating people over the head. I saw them drag a nun across the street and throw her into a paddy wagon. Then they got me."

A fellow journalist pulled Lacy from the mayhem, so she escaped the truncheons while whetting her appetite for a future in journalism. "But I don't know that I was a good enough writer," she said. "I dreaded a lifetime of having a knot in my stomach about a deadline and not knowing if I had anything interesting to say. Film seemed a better option."

Her interest in film got a jolt a few years later in Washington, D.C., where she was sharing a house with college friends while earning a master's degree in American studies and working for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts. At the NEA, she was in the architecture and design division, where she ran a historic preservation program that focused on saving old rail stations. As part of the project, she commissioned a 30-minute film called *Stations*, and she was hooked. "I got the bug," Lacy said.

Marion Blakey '70, former FAA administrator who is now president and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association, was one of those Washington roommates and has remained among Lacy's closest friends. During those D.C. days, Blakey said, "We did crazy things like decorating by stapling sheets together. We couldn't sew. But we thought we were quite sophisticated."

Blakey added, "Susan has an infectious ability to laugh at things that people tell her and be genuinely interested in who they are. That is why I think she's become such a great documentary filmmaker and storyteller."

Lacy moved back to New York City in 1976 and got married a year later. Her husband became head of the American Academy in Rome, and they lived in Italy for much of the next few years. They settled once and for all in Manhattan in 1979, and Lacy began working for WNET Channel 13 that September. She's been there ever since.

Lacy's first job at WNET was in fundraising, but Jac Venza – who ran the station's arts division and produced the *Great Performances* series, among others – made her a producer. "And after a couple of years in other people's editing rooms, she began to direct," said Venza, who retired in 2005. Lacy's reputation for high standards, he added, is what has made *American Masters* "the showcase" for the best documentary films on the arts being made today.

Early on, Lacy made a dream list, the five names she "absolutely, desperately" wanted to make a film about – Leonard Bernstein, Bob Dylan, Martha Graham, Walt Disney, and Frank Sinatra. Disney and Sinatra are the only ones that haven't yet worked out. "I've spent 12 years trying to get Sinatra to happen," she said. "I think I'm closer than anybody's ever been to making that happen…but it's very expensive." She's confident that with persistence it will work out with Sinatra and Disney, as well as with others on her ever-growing wish list – Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, and Philip Roth among them. "There are very few people that I really want to make a film about that I can't get to the point of having a pretty serious conversation with them about it. But that doesn't mean it's going to happen right away. When making these major films, the artist or the estate has to be ready for that to happen."

With the popularity of reality television, competition for viewers' time, and filmmaking costs all on the rise, Lacy is in no position to rest on her laurels. "Despite all our awards and all our prestige and reputation, I am concerned about the future," she told me. "There's a hell of a lot of competition out there, so I'm putting more attention on how to make sure we're on people's radar. If people know we're there, they'll come. I absolutely know that." She's also focusing on the archive she's created. "I want to make sure that the library I fought so hard to build doesn't just sit on the shelves and die. So my

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Director Kyra Thompson, left, and producer Susan Lacy, right, with the star of the 2007 *American Masters* documentary *Carol Burnett: A Woman of Character.*

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In 2000, the BBC's Anthony Wall, left, and Susan Lacy, middle, produced *Clint Eastwood: Out of the Shadows*. Eastwood is pictured, right.

biggest goal is to try to find some place – a library, a university – that will make sure that this incomparable resource is available for classrooms, for research."

Meanwhile, she's got a series to run, one that's got millions of fans all over the country. "What she's created is a great gift to the American people," said **Marla Price '70**, director of the Modern Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, and a friend of Lacy's from their years together at Mary Washington. "These documentaries capture material that would've otherwise been lost. It's a terrific series."

Eight days after my first meeting with Lacy, I made my way to the premiere of *LENNONYC* at Lincoln Center. It was held on a warm night in late September, on the first weekend of the New York Film Festival. After the show, Yoko Ono, sitting in the balcony, got a standing ovation from the capacity crowd in Alice Tully Hall. Ono and Lacy had been preparing a big announcement – a free public screening of the film to be held in Central Park on Oct. 9, Lennon's 70th birthday. ("I really wanted this film out there as a centerpiece for his birthday," Lacy had told me earlier.) But a corporate sponsor had dropped out late in the game, and Lacy was suddenly frantic to find the money to make it work. As the premiere approached, it wasn't clear if the free screening would be possible.

At the after-party, it was hard to find Lacy in the throng of celebrities – Ono, Dick Cavett, Glenn Close, Annie Leibovitz, Steven Van Zandt, and others. I finally spoke to her well after midnight, when the crowd was just beginning to thin out. "The night couldn't have gone better!" she beamed. And what of the public screening? "Mayor Bloomberg gave me five hours to figure it out on Friday," she said. "And we got it. It's how this always works – I'm sliding everything into place at the last second. That's my life!" 🏛

The free screening of *LENNONYC* took place on Oct. 9 in Central Park. The documentary aired nationally on PBS on Nov. 22 at 9 p.m.

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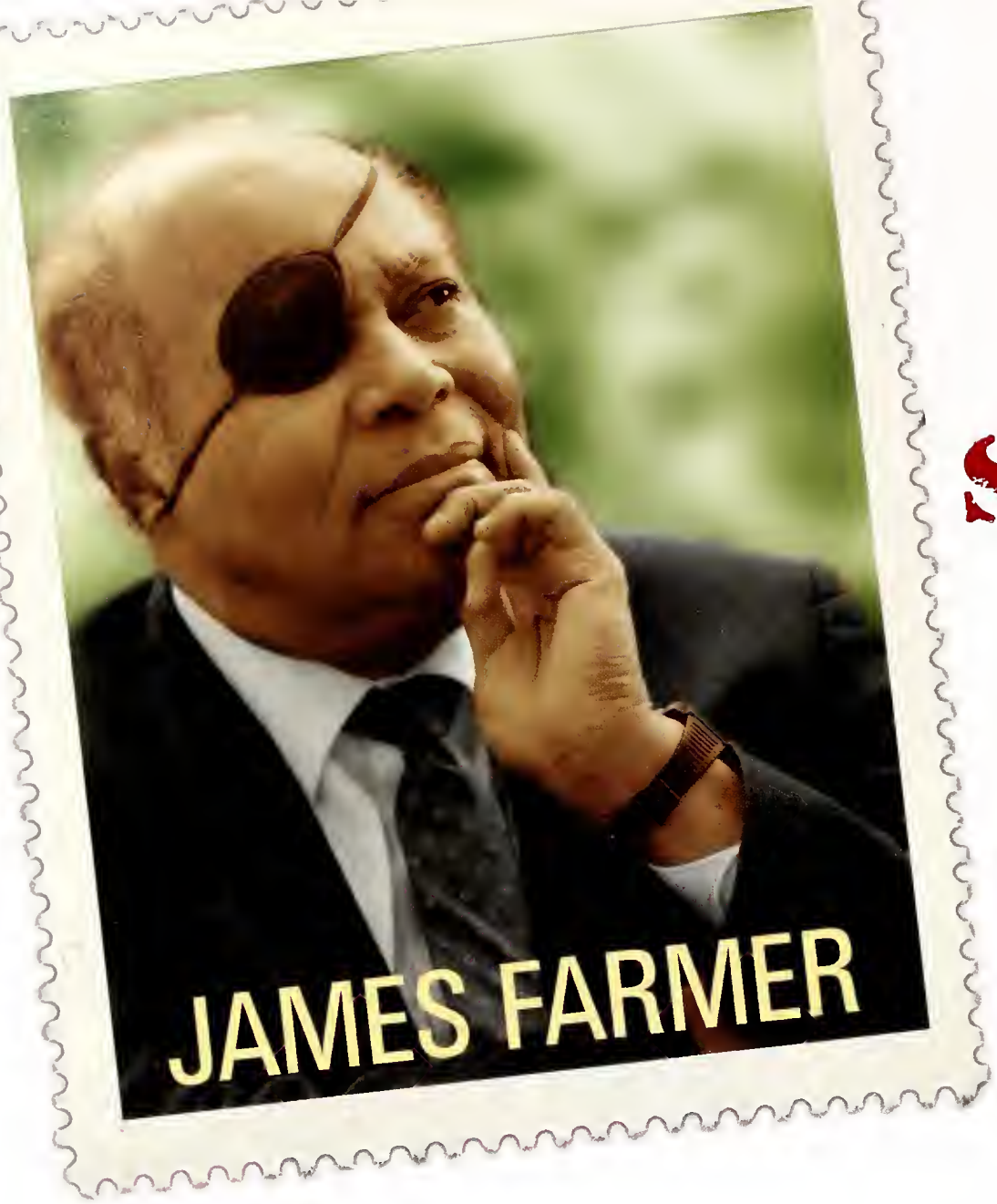


STAMP OF JUSTICE

Crusade seeks U.S. Postal Service recognition of James Farmer

| By Anna B. Billingsley

The University of Mary Washington has teamed with U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) to call for a commemorative postage stamp to honor the late James Farmer, Mary Washington distinguished professor of history and American studies. Farmer, who retired in 1998, taught at Mary Washington for 13 years. A leader in the civil rights movement, Farmer was recognized by President Clinton in 1998 with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor afforded to any American citizen.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to raise the visibility of Dr. Farmer and his many contributions," said UMW President Richard V. Hurley, who has worked closely with the Office of Congressman Lewis; Washington lobbyist **Richard "Rich" Cooper '90**, who served as a student aide to Farmer; and a commemorative stamp committee comprising University and Fredericksburg community members.

A national online petition is on the web at http://jamesfarmer.umw.edu.

In a letter that Lewis sent to fellow members of Congress asking for their support, he said:

Please join me in asking the U.S. Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the life and work of civil rights pioneer James Farmer. As one of our country's original architects of the civil rights movement, Dr. Farmer dedicated his life to the ideals of equality and justice. As a founder of the Congress of Racial Equality and an organizer of the Freedom Rides in 1961, he led many efforts exposing the fear and cruelty that were Jim Crow.

To me and to the many who marched with him in the 1950s and '60s, Dr. Farmer's character and

Sending a Message about Farmer

Along with the petition, the James Farmer commemorative stamp website asks respondents to share their James Farmer stories. The following are excerpts from the comments that had been posted at press time.

Stephanie Wallace '91 wrote:

Even as young students we knew how fortunate we were to be sitting in front of James Farmer. His lectures were dramatic, as he spoke in the tones of the emotion he wanted to illustrate to us. I will never forget the lecture when he sang "We Shall Overcome." Words can't express the power of his voice on that and every day he spoke. He brought each of us on his journey through the civil rights movement.

Amber Chamberlain Reiter '88 wrote:

At 19, I was fortunate to have the foresight to register for Dr. Farmer's class. I owe a debt of thanks to Dr. Farmer and UMW for adding early foundational heft to what became a very conscious attempt to be a good citizen.

Terri Bard '96 wrote:

As a student at MWC, I was told by a friend that I had to take James Farmer's class because he had been a major figure during the civil rights movement and would not be around much longer. Not knowing really who he was, I signed up for the class and was instantly mesmerized by this man! Not one student spoke during his dialogues and not one person took notes. We just sat entranced by his voice that was like velvet as it described the horrors and injustices he had endured. He had a calm, proud, powerful demeanor.

Arlene Klapproth '88 wrote:

I just watched the trailer for Dr. Farmer's documentary and heard his voice. . . .I can envision myself sitting in the classroom listening to him. I feel so lucky and proud to have met him and had that experience! Definitely one of my best memories of Mary Washington.

Rebecca Jarvis wrote:

There is no other class I took in college that was more powerful and inspiring than James Farmer's Civil Rights class. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to sit in the same room as Dr. Farmer. Some 20 years later, I still remember the emotion and intrigue I experienced listening to Dr. Farmer's experiences firsthand. I still have my autographed copy of Lay Bare The Heart *and know that this course was one that impacted me for a lifetime.*

fortitude are well known. As a partner to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, and many others, he helped bring us from the segregated water fountains, lunch counters, bus seats, and ballot boxes to become a nation where opportunity and equality are more available to all.

I believe the life and accomplishments of James Farmer far exceed the U.S. Postal Service requirements governing such an honor. As a friend and student of his, I bore witness to the difference he made in America. I know our nation is a better place because of his life, and I hope you will join me in supporting this commemorative stamp.

Hurley has encouraged all members of the UMW community to sign the petition. "Countless Mary Washington students were enlightened and enriched by his vivid, firsthand accounts of personal sacrifice and courage within the civil rights struggles of the 1960s," Hurley said. "With Dr. Farmer's bust prominently displayed on campus, our James Farmer Multicultural Center, and the many events we have planned in the coming year to commemorate his role in the Freedom Rides, we would like for everyone to recognize his service to our country and the vision he promoted while at Mary Washington and throughout his lifetime."

The time-consuming process of compiling the

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Farmer, organizer of the 1961 Freedom Rides, was one of many participants arrested in Jackson, Miss. In contrast to his mugshot from that day, left, he posed in 1998 wearing the Presidential Medal of Honor, which he was given by Bill Clinton in the White House.

documentation for a commemorative stamp is being coordinated by Cooper, a former director with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and NASA and now a principal with Catalyst Partners, a government relations and public affairs firm. Cooper said the U.S. Postal Service receives more than 50,000 stamp requests per year. "To make this effort successful, we face a noble, uphill fight," Cooper said. "Despite the challenge, I fully believe we can do it."

In the application to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, Cooper wrote: "From his earliest days as a child in Marshall, Texas, Farmer's voice and presence would speak volumes to the injustices he would challenge, the barriers he would break, and the world he would change. Known as one of the country's original architects of the civil rights movement, Farmer was a member of the movement's so-called 'Big Four.' He helped lead citizens, students, and activists of all races and backgrounds with peaceful means of civil disobedience to challenge and change the hearts and practices of a country segregated by color. Farmer is the only member of the Big Four [which also included Martin Luther King Jr., Whitney Young, and Roy Wilkins] not honored by a U.S. postage stamp.

Leah Cox, director of UMW's James Farmer Scholars Program and chair of UMW's commemorative stamp committee, noted that next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides, which Farmer organized.

"Through this effort, we finally are honoring someone who should've been honored some time ago," Cox said of the Farmer stamp campaign.

In addition to the commemorative stamp project, UMW has exciting plans in the works as it prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Freedom Rides next spring. Details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

Alumni College on the Road

Galapagos excursion offers opportunity to see rare species with an expert guide

By Neva S. Trenis

Alumni College on the Road's first venture is to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, June 28-July 8, 2011.

For many people, Ecuador's Galapagos Islands are the destination of a lifetime. "If people have a 'bucket list' for travel, the Galapagos are usually on it," said Andrew Dolby, who teaches ornithology and evolution at the University of Mary Washington. Through a new Alumni College on the Road program, he will lead a small group of alumni and friends to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in late June 2011, with optional further travel to Peru.

The Pacific island group is the only place on earth to see many rare species, including the Galapagos giant tortoise, marine iguanas, and the Galapagos penguin, said the assistant professor of biology. "There are very few places on earth where you can walk on a beach and sea lions are 15 feet away from you. It continues to be a living laboratory for modern biology and a model for stewardship of natural resources."

The mainland of Ecuador, just 600 miles away, holds its own treasures of diverse life, including colorful birds, butterflies, and plants, which Dolby experienced last March on an exploratory trip to develop a field trip program for students.

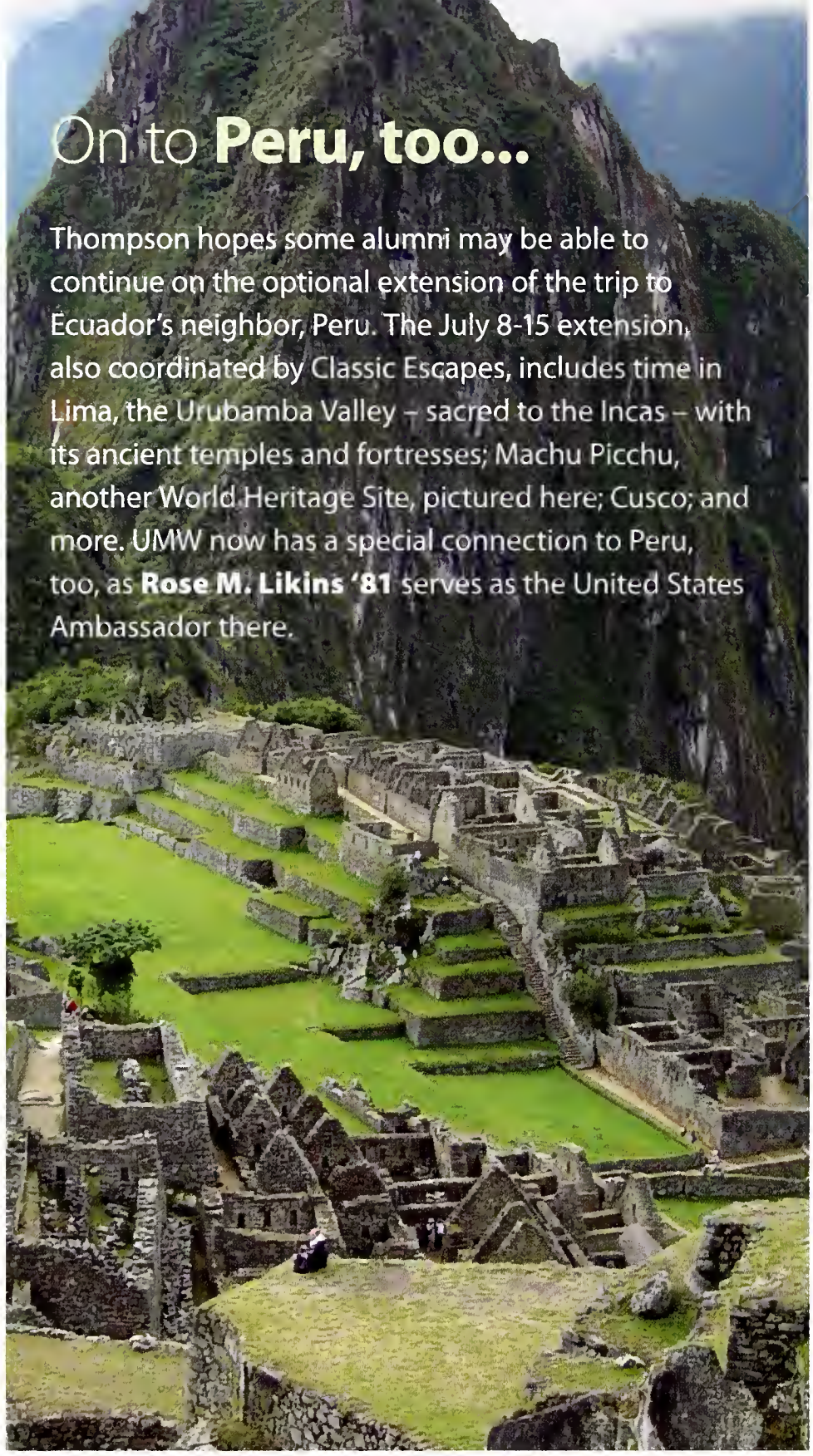
Inspired by Professor of Biology Steve Fuller's many successful trips with students to Central America and the Caribbean, Dolby hopes to offer similar educational travel to Ecuador.

Aware of the popular Alumni College "Classes Without Quizzes" held in advance of Reunion Weekend, Dolby hatched the idea of a partnership. Why not

Andrew Dolby will share his passion for birds and wildlife.

take passionate lifelong learners to one of the world's most famous – and colorful – laboratories?

The result is the June 28-July 8, 2011, inaugural trip of Alumni College on the Road. Dolby and Alumni College Director Nina Thompson will lead 15 UMW alumni and friends through the Galapagos Islands as they spend five days and four nights aboard the 40-passenger yacht *Isabela II*, cruising the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. On the mainland, the group will be based in Ecuador's 9,000-foot-high capital, historic Quito, and will crisscross the equator as they explore wonders including nature reserves, butterfly habitats, the 135-foot Pacaya waterfall, and the Mindo Cloud Forest.



On to **Peru, too...**

Thompson hopes some alumni may be able to continue on the optional extension of the trip to Ecuador's neighbor, Peru. The July 8-15 extension, also coordinated by Classic Escapes, includes time in Lima, the Urubamba Valley – sacred to the Incas – with its ancient temples and fortresses; Machu Picchu, another World Heritage Site, pictured here; Cusco; and more. UMW now has a special connection to Peru, too, as **Rose M. Likins '81** serves as the United States Ambassador there.

"The precipitation isn't necessarily heavy there, but the forest is often enshrouded in clouds that keep everything moist and lush," Dolby said. The Mindo Cloud Forest is the perfect place to see tree ferns, hundreds of species of native orchids, bromeliads, mosses, and lichens, along with an array of birds, including mountain toucans and tanagers. And you won't encounter a mosquito, he added. "The weather is mild, and we'll do moderate hiking at a bird-watching pace."

That goes, too, for the Pasochoa Protected Forest Reserve, home to more than 127 species of birds – including 10 species of hummingbirds – and the Pasochoa volcano.

The group will benefit not only from Dolby's expertise, but also that of local naturalists. For Dolby, that synergy will make this trip special. "My North American scientific point of view will complement the knowledge and insight furnished by our local guides." Combining the perspectives and knowledge of naturalists from North and South America promotes both scientific understanding and conservation.

While one might see a red-eyed vireo during its breeding season in Fredericksburg, one also might spot the same bird in Ecuador, where it winters, said Dolby, president-elect of the Virginia Society of Ornithology. "Such migratory birds are neither 'ours' nor 'theirs.' Birds are wildlife that we actually share, and we need to work together to make sure populations are maintained. One way to do that is to host trips like this. From a personal standpoint, I would love to be able to participate in strengthening ties between North and South America to promote joint conservation efforts. You gain a more complete perspective and facilitate partnership when you go down there and meet the people."

Guides also will lead tours of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Quito, Ecuador, founded on the ruins of an Inca city after the 1533 Spanish conquest. Visitors will explore its museums, shops, markets, and colonial buildings, the rich architectural heritage of which fuses Spanish, Italian, Moorish, Flemish, and indigenous art. Alumni College participants will

be based in the heart of "Quito Antigo" and will spend six nights in Hotel Patio Andaluz, a building of such historical significance Ecuador named it an official national treasure.

Accommodations in the Galapagos will be equally elegant aboard the 166-foot *Isabela II*, with its crew of 27, including three naturalists. After exploring the rocky volcanic islands spotting vermilion flycatchers, Darwin's finches, fur seals, and the like, the UMW travelers will return to air-conditioned cabins, specially prepared gourmet meals, and a sun deck with an observation area and Jacuzzi. While navigating the Galapagos Islands, *Isabela II*'s passengers may swim and snorkel, view ocean life through a glass-bottom boat, and kayak.

Each of the 19 volcanic islands has its own atmosphere, and many have their own endemic species, such as swallow-tailed and lava gulls, frigate birds with showy red inflatable throat pouches, red-footed and masked boobies, red-billed tropic birds, storm petrels, short-eared owls, and Galapagos hawks.

"These animals don't have a fear response," Dolby said. "They have lived on those islands for thousands of years, but humans have been introduced there only relatively recently, so there has been no pressure for them to be afraid of us. The birds don't fly away, so there will be plenty of opportunities for close encounters and photography."

In advance of and during the trip, Dolby plans to talk to the group about the importance of Charles Darwin's research in the Galapagos, how the species he saw there in the 1830s inspired his scientific interests, and how Darwin's Galapagos findings revolutionized the field of biology. Today the archipelago remains the center of some of the most important ongoing evolutionary research on the planet.

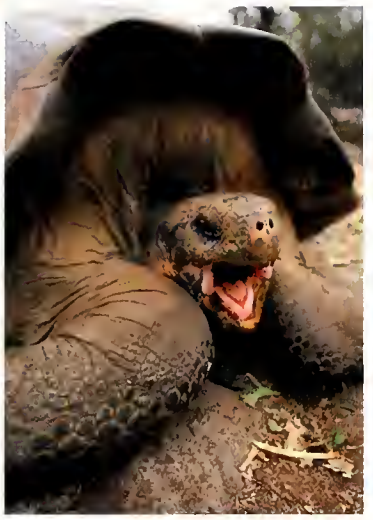
At the suggestion of Vice President for Advancement and University Relations Torre Meringolo, the UMW Alumni Board supported the decision to reformulate the existing alumni travel program and to rebrand it as Alumni College on the Road.

Director of Alumni College Thompson worked with Classic Escapes travel company to tailor this itinerary to reflect Dolby's expertise and experience. That means the small Mary Washington group will have a tour unlike any other. Meringolo chose to partner with Classic Escapes because of its reputation for excellence and because of its commitment to travel that respects and preserves diverse cultures and nature. In addition to Thompson and Dolby, a Classic Escapes representative will accompany the travelers. Local naturalists will join them along the way.

The 15 spaces for the Ecuador trip are available on a first-come, first-served basis, Thompson said. It's the opportunity to visit a place like no other with a UMW professor along to offer deep context and insight. And, she said, high-level accommodations, all services and planning attended to, and lots of opportunities to socialize and relax add to the charm. The cost per person, excluding airfare, is $4,995.

UMW is planning future trips for Alumni College on the Road based on suggestions and ideas from alumni. Thompson said, "We will look into anything that promotes lifelong learning and bonds among Mary Washington alumni and friends."

For more information on Alumni College on the Road's inaugural trip, visit www.umw.edu/alumnicollegeroad, or call 540/654-2065.



The Galapagos Islands are a great place to watch the magnificant frigatebird, left, and the *only* place to see the Galapagos tortoise. In Ecuador, travelers will experience the unique colonial architecture of the capital of Quito in buildings such as La Compañia de Jesús, right, a UNESCO heritage site begun in 1650.

Q&A

Mark Safferstone

By Christine Neuberger

"What *do* you do at UMW?

Never surprised when colleagues ask that question, Mark Safferstone has seen his role change several times during his 13 years at Mary Washington. And Safferstone again has donned another hat – executive director of UMW's third campus.

Safferstone, 62, now divides his time between the Dahlgren campus, which is under construction, and the Stafford campus, where he serves as an executive director at the new Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement. "I've enjoyed the challenge of doing different things for the University," he said.

A native of upstate New York, Safferstone headed for sunnier climes. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Miami and later received a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

His first full-time job – teaching in Miami public schools – launched a career that has hardly strayed from education, whether he was directing a hospital training department, teaching college students, or working for a major management consulting firm.

Safferstone arrived at Mary Washington in 1997 as a visiting assistant business professor. Named associate dean for graduate and professional studies a year later, he has cultivated ties with many outside organizations, which prepared him for his new role.

"The biggest challenge will be establishing relationships and becoming an integral part of the Dahlgren community," he said. "If we do that and if we truly understand and meet their educational needs, we will succeed."

Who inspires you? *My wife, Sharon, and our three adult children. Sharon comes from a large Boston family with a strong work ethic, and she has a "people before things" perspective. She is eternally and inspirationally optimistic, my best friend, yet my best critic. The kids – Heather, Chad, and Todd – range in age from 28 to 35. They all graduated from college, they have a healthy lifestyle, they've got jobs they love, and they're family oriented.*

Who has most influenced your life? *My dad died when I was 10 ½, and I was raised an only child by a single mom who owned and ran a family business. I've been fortunate to have a number of male role models – my Uncle Al, a college advisor, several bosses and professional colleagues – that had a positive impact on my life.*

What has most influenced your life? *Establishing and maintaining my relationship with God. I was raised in a conservative, Torah-based Jewish family and in 1992, I accepted Christ.*

What do you enjoy doing? *I love to read – predominantly books about leadership and business – and I enjoy playing golf when time permits. I like doing home-improvement projects and yard work because I get a sense of accomplishment, and I've finally learned the value of regularly going to the gym. Sharon and I enjoy the time we spend together with our golden retrievers, Preston and Cooper.*

What matters most to you? *Family. Honesty. Integrity. Being able to laugh. Having a sense of humor, keeping my priorities in perspective.*

What are you currently reading? Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace…One School at a Time *by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. It's about a mountaineer who, after failing to summit the world's second-highest mountain, went on to construct schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. I was struck by the author's success in cultivating relationships with local leaders. I'd like to borrow some of his ideas as we build ties to the Dahlgren community.*

What would people be surprised to learn about you? *I learned to play the drums when I was 13 years old, and I serve on our church worship team that plays contemporary Christian music.*

Where do you most love to be? *Being a part of an institution of higher education in the community where I live.*

What would you change about UMW? *We need to recognize that our three campuses, each with unique constituents and offerings, comprise one university.*

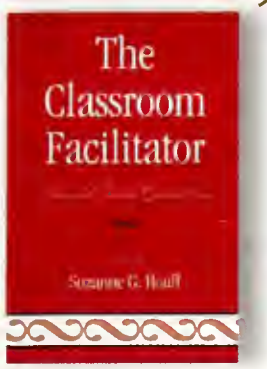
How would you describe yourself? *Never too old to learn. At age 54, after completing my Ph.D. when I was in my late 20s, I returned to school and earned my MBA from Mary Washington in 2006. Also, in my heart of hearts I'm quite introverted even though people would describe me as talkative and outgoing.*

What are your values? *A sense of accomplishment – especially achievements that are collaboratively attained. I'm motivated by the challenge of doing things differently, and I enjoy learning for its own sake.*

What inspires you? *Making a difference and contributing to the community where my wife and I live.*

All of the following books are available in the UMW Bookstore.

Books by **Faculty**



The Classroom Facilitator: Special Issue Questions

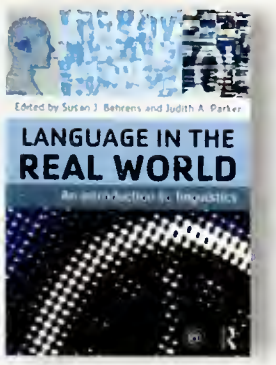
Edited by Suzanne G. Houff, UMW professor of education

Designed for teachers, administrators, and staff development coordinators, *The Classroom Facilitator: Special Issue Questions* incorporates current information, case studies, and reader exercises to highlight effective instructional practices. In it, nine UMW faculty members address diverse educational themes and highlight special topics, including social and emotional learning, culturally responsive teaching, instructional technology, and special education.

Betty Wells Brown, professor of education at the University of North Carolina Pembroke, wrote, "To meet 21st-century goals, teachers want a how-to book that offers realistic approaches to teaching; *The Classroom Facilitator* presents useful integration of methodology and pedagogy to meet these needs."

Chapter authors from the UMW College of Education are professors Norah Hooper and Jane Huffman; associate professors Laurie Abeel, Teresa Coffman, Nicole Myers, Kavatus Newell, and Sharon Teabo; and instructor Patricia Reynolds. John St. Clair, UMW director of distance and blended learning, also contributed a chapter. The book is dedicated to Brenda Vogel, professor of education emerita.

– Published by Rowman and Littlefield Education, August 2010



Language in the Real World – An Introduction to Linguistics

Edited by Judith A. Parker, UMW professor of English and linguistics, and Susan J. Behrens, Marymount Manhattan College professor of speech-language pathology and audiology

Language in the Real World, a textbook, addresses several key areas of linguistics, including language disorders, animal communication, forensic linguistics, and language variation. Editors Judith Parker and Susan Behrens organized the book into five sections that examine up-to-date issues of language and its applications, and they include chapters from 26 contributing authors at more than a dozen institutions. Each chapter features key points, an author's note, and student exercises. The text offers activities and suggestions for further study and reading.

Professor William F. Katz of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas said of *Language in the Real World*: "This collection of timely chapters with interactive exercises will inspire students to think broadly about the application of linguistics in a variety of fields."

– Published by Routledge, March 2010

The Called

By Warren Rochelle, UMW professor of English

In Warren Rochelle's earlier novel, *Harvest of Changelings*, the title characters are able to go live in the magical universe of Faerie after defeating the Fomorii, the changelings' evil enemies on Earth. In his most recent novel, *The Called*, intolerance again grows on Earth toward the magical and different who oppose evil. As the Fomorii infiltrate Earth's religions and government, the changelings must leave Faerie for the parallel universe and Earth. There they must aid "the different" to gain control of the portal between the magic worlds before it reopens to the evil doers and grants them entry to Faerie.

Rochelle is also author of *The Wild Boy.*

Jim Grimsley, winner of the 2004 Lambda Literary Award in Science Fiction and Fantasy, described *The Called* as a delicious read. "Rochelle's writing is strong and sure, and his maturity makes for a compelling contribution to his story of the intersection of the world of Faerie with the Piedmont South," he wrote.

– Published by Golden Gryphon Press, July 2010

Books by **Alumni**

Mr. Worthington's Beautiful Experiments on Splashes

By Genine Lentine '84, San Francisco Zen Center Artist-in-Residence, 2009-10

Mark Doty wrote of Genine Lentine's poetry collection, *Mr. Worthington's Beautiful Experiments on Splashes*: "In her short, formally inventive pieces – and especially in her dazzling long poem about language's power and limits that anchors this collection – Lentine sounds like no one else. Her wry, astonished, aching voice is a fresh presence in American poetry."

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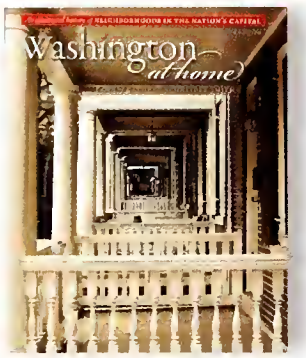
Richard McCann said, "These poems plunge headlong into uncertainties of both language and life and, in doing so, they are so original that I often felt while reading them that I was in the grip of a brand new and still unnamed emotion."

Lentine collaborated on *The Wild Braid: A Poet Reflects on a Century in the Garden* with one-time U.S. Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz before his death in 2006. Her poems, essays, and interviews have appeared in *American Poetry Review; American Speech; Diagram; Gulf Coast; Ninth Letter; O, the Oprah Magazine*; and *Tricycle*. After receiving a bachelor's degree in English from Mary Washington, Lentine earned a master of science in theoretical linguistics from Georgetown University and a master of fine arts in poetry from New York University.

– Published by Diagram/New Michigan Press, January 2010

By **Faculty** and **Alumna**



Washington at Home: An Illustrated History of the Neighborhoods in the Nation's Capital
Edited by Kathryn Schneider Smith

Two members of the Mary Washington community joined a team of historians, journalists, museum professionals, and others to craft *Washington at Home: An Illustrated History of the Neighborhoods in the Nation's Capital*. This replaces the 1988 edition of the classic reference book on the social history of Washington, D.C., used by generations of realtors, journalists, historians, politicians, and residents.

John Pearce, retired director of the James Monroe Museum, wrote the chapter, *Brookland*, about the Northeast D.C. neighborhood by the same name. Librarian **Kathryn Collison Ray '72** wrote a chapter on Tenleytown in Northwest.

When Pearce taught at George Washington University, he involved students in an extensive study of Brookland, home to Catholic and Howard universities and the late professor Ralph Bunch, the first African American to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

Ray, who graduated in American studies from Mary Washington, is manager of the Tenley-Friendship Branch of the D.C. Public Library. She wrote that native Americans trekked through what is now Tenleytown on the way to quarries on the Potomac River. In colonial times, a crossroads grew up around John Tennally's tavern there, and the neighborhood heights were an important vantage during the Civil War.

– Published by The Johns Hopkins University Press, May 2010

Get the Picture?

In the last edition, we asked for help identifying the two women on a snow-covered Campus Walk in this photo that dates from around 1990. While no one was able to positively identify the students, we still welcome your input on this photo.

Give It Your Best Shot!

We know this "pillow fight," pictured below, happened in 1962, but that is all we know about these Mary Washington student shenanigans. Can you tell us who these women are?

This image is among the hundreds of historic photos in the UMW Centennial Digital Image Archive, an interactive and searchable database that is available to the public at http://archive.umw.edu. Some of the images in the archive are identified only partially or not at all.

If you can shed more light on this photo, please contact us. Our archives will become more complete with shared information from UMW friends and family. Send email to abilling@umw.edu (please put GET THE PICTURE in the subject line) or write to the *University of Mary Washington Magazine* – Get the Picture, UMW, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.

Drive and Determination Propel Alumnus **Across the English Channel**

When you harbor a goal for 21 years, especially if it is something that fewer than 1,000 people in the history of the world have accomplished, you do just about anything to succeed. You arise before dawn on a regular basis to prepare, you brave the elements and test your physical limits, and you travel overseas when your wife is eight months pregnant.

Davis Lee '98 of Newburyport, Mass., has done all of the above in fulfilling his dream. He has immersed himself in his quest. Literally. Through chilly, salty water on Sept. 28, the 35-year-old nuclear physicist swam across the English Channel.

Overcoming challenges has been part of Lee's life. Diagnosed with dyslexia, he went on to earn a degree in math and physics from Mary Washington and a master's in applied physics from Johns Hopkins before securing his doctorate in nuclear science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Lee and his wife, Kate, have a 2-year-old son, Oliver, and were expecting a daughter shortly after Lee's swim across the channel.

This is Lee's approach: Decide on a goal, plot a course, and follow that plan religiously. Once he decided this was the year to act on his dream, Lee trained rigorously for 18 months.

Conquering the English Channel is no small task. The 21.6-mile stretch between Dover, England, and Calais, France, has lured open-water swimmers for more than 135 years. Because of tides and currents, channel swimmers are typically forced to take a more roundabout line.

A map of Lee's route looked more like a giant question mark than a straight line. He ended up swimming a total of 31.6 miles. The trek, which started at 1 a.m., took 12 hours and 41 minutes.

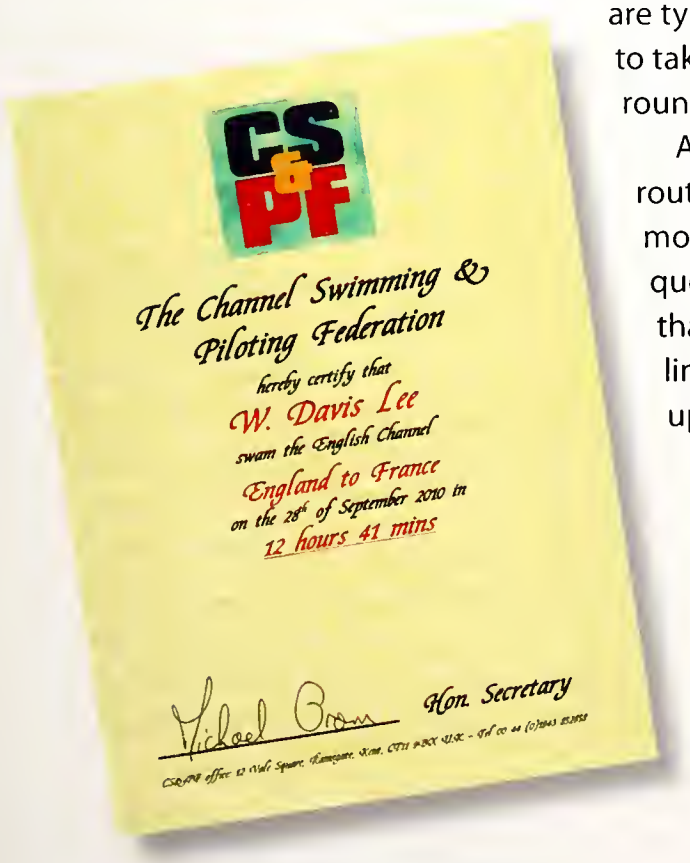
Davis Lee of Newburyport, Mass., spent months training in the water near his home to prepare for his swim across the English Channel. Here, he wrapped up a trial run shortly before heading to the chilly waters between England and France.

The English Channel is known as the "Everest of open-water swimming." People who attempt a crossing – and many more have failed than have succeeded – have to contend not only with cold and exhaustion, but also with the stress of dodging sea traffic in one of the world's busiest shipping corridors. Water temperature in the channel averages between 55 and 56 degrees Fahrenheit.

English Channel crossing rules do not permit wetsuits, and they do not allow swimmers to touch their escort boats.

Among channel swimmers, a tradition has sprung up. The successful finishers write their name, the date, their time, and a few words about their crossing on the walls or ceiling of The White Horse pub in Dover. Lee found a spot just above the corner of the bar. After his name and date, he summed up his odyssey by writing, "IT WAS COLD."

Lee's quest was documented by *The Boston Globe* and on Lee's blog, sharkytreat.blogspot.com.



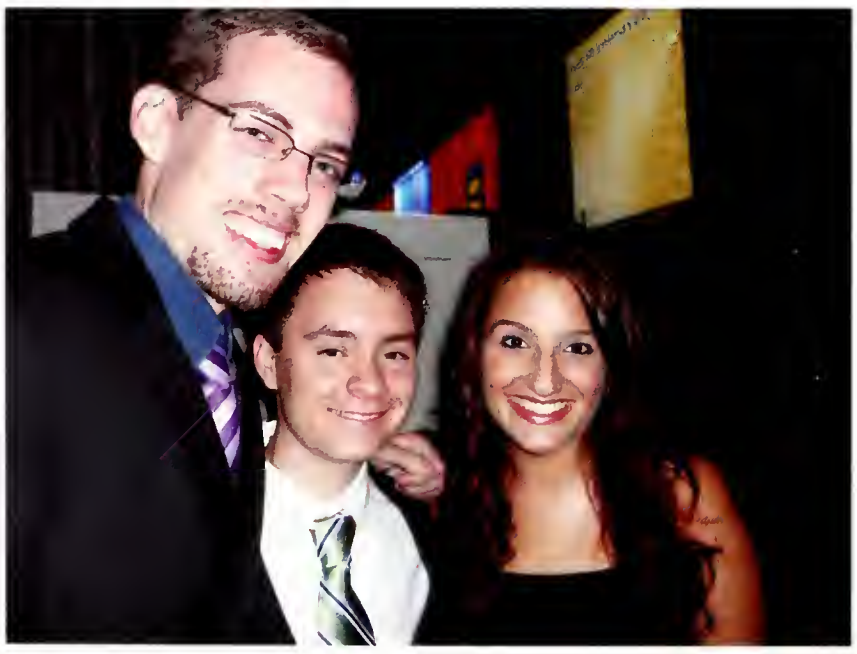
By successfully swimming the English Channel, Davis Lee has joined the ranks of an elite group.

UMW Junior Wins Human Rights Campaign Scholarship

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation awarded a Generation Equality Scholarship to **Charles Girard '12**. The scholarships are part of the HRC Foundation's Youth and Campus Outreach Program, which aims to provide tools, facilitate connections, and empower young people to fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) equality on campuses.

Girard plans to major in American studies with a concentration in gender and sexuality. Since 2008, Girard has held various roles on the executive committee of UMW's PRISM, People Representing Individuals of Sexual Minorities, including secretary and webmaster. He is a co-founder and current president of the Gender-Neutral Housing Project, formed in 2008 to establish a gender-neutral housing policy on campus. Also, Girard was chosen by Equality Virginia to serve on the Generation Equality board, their LGBT youth outreach program, and to speak at Equality Virginia's statewide conference about UMW's gender-neutral housing initiative.

Girard said he plans to continue working with PRISM to have gender identity and expression added to the school's non-discrimination policy. After graduation, he said, "I want to work with transgender youth and use the tools that I am learning in college to continue to make a difference in the lives of my transgender brothers and sisters."



Charles Girard, center, attended the Human Rights Campaign national dinner in October with 2009-2010 PRISM President Brendon Bottle '10, left, and current PRISM President Melody Ain '11.

Passionate About Rivers and Teen Empowerment, **Alumna Nets National Conservation Award**

A Durango, Colo., woman is the recipient of a national conservation fellowship that will boost the number of hands-on conservation opportunities available to teenagers.

Christina Nesset '95 is one of 40 individuals nationwide selected as a 2010 TogetherGreen Fellow. Supported by a conservation alliance of Audubon and Toyota, the TogetherGreen Fellowship awards each Fellow $10,000 toward a community-focused project to engage local residents in conserving land, water, and energy, and contributing to greater environmental health.

Christina Nesset of Colorado will use an award from the TogetherGreen Fellowship to launch a River Conservation Program.

For her project, Nesset will launch the River Conservation Program at Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC), where she serves as executive director for the Four Corners Office. The pilot program will be geared toward 12- to 15-year-olds. River Conservation participants will take part in river service projects, including clean-ups, invasive species removal, and native plant restoration. They will also receive leadership training and education on stream ecology and water issues. The program, which will run in the summer of 2011, will be made available at no cost to participants.

"I see this as an investment in the future," Nesset said. "Our young adults are tomorrow's decision makers, stewards, voters, and leaders of our community."

In her role at SCC, where she has worked for eight years, Nesset oversees more than 250 seasonal crew leaders. She has worked with teens on environmental issues in Colorado,

Montana, New York, Virginia, and Washington. Her career has been devoted to empowering young people in the field of conservation.

"Christina is the kind of person who can make a real difference in the health of our environment and the quality of our future," said National Audubon Society President David Yarnold.

Nesset earned a bachelor's degree in environmental earth science from Mary Washington. Fellowship recipients were chosen from a large pool of highly qualified individuals. All were required to have at least six years experience in conservation, environmental education, policy, or related issues; a demonstrated passion for conservation; and a proven track record of reaching previously underserved audiences.

Other **Notables**

Alumni

• **Shelby Zelonis '08** won an award for a paper she presented at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., last spring. She was one of two graduate students in the country recognized by the AAG Geomorphology Specialty Group. Shelby is completing a master's degree at the University of South Carolina.

• **Marissa S. Allison '10** spent the summer in Oman studying Arabic as part of a federal government effort to dramatically expand the number of Americans mastering critically needed languages.

Allison was one of 575 students selected for a 2010 Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) from among 5,300 applicants. The Department of State launched the CLS program in 2006 to increase opportunities for American students to study critical-need languages overseas.

Faculty

• At the American Psychological Association Convention in San Diego, Calif., in August, two faculty members from the UMW Department of Psychology were recognized:

Professor Chris Kilmartin was named Researcher of the Year. The award was presented by the Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity (SPSMM), Division 51 of the APA. This honor recognizes outstanding published research concerning males and masculinity.

Chris Kilmartin

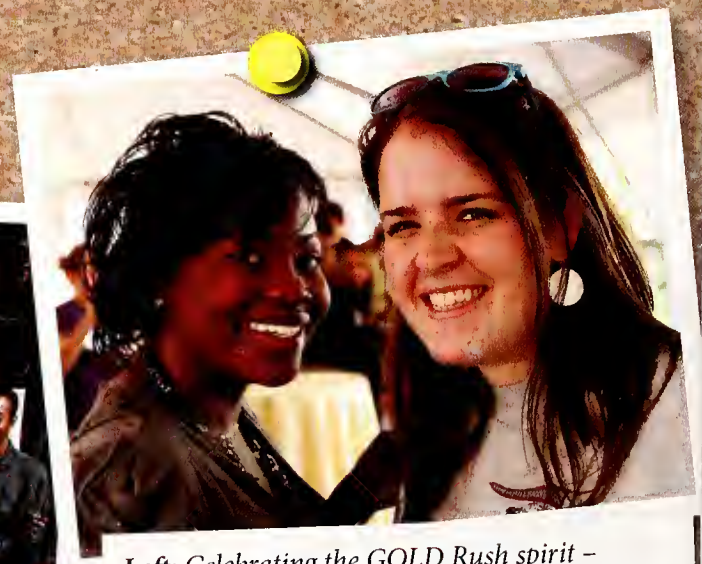
A licensed clinical psychologist, Kilmartin is an internationally recognized expert on gender and on violence prevention. He brought the White Ribbon Campaign, a movement begun in Canada to end men's violence against women, to the U.S. and to UMW. The campaign has spread to college campuses nationwide.

Assistant Professor Mindy J. Erchull received the 2010 Mary Roth Walsh Teaching the Psychology of Women Award. Sponsored by the Society for the Psychology of Women, the award recognizes a young faculty member who employs innovative methods to address issues of diversity in teaching the psychology of women. Her research interests include objectification, feminism, psychological aspects of reproductive health, social psychology, health psychology, psychology of women, women's health, social influence, and statistics and research methods. She has had several articles published on these topics in such academic journals as *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, *Sex Roles*, and *Health Psychology*.

Mindy Erchull

• Instructional Technologist Patrick Murray-John was among 12 digital humanists invited by the National Endowment for the Humanities to the "One Week | One Tool: A Digital Humanities Barn Raising" at the Center for History and New Media. Collaborators were challenged to conceptualize and build a new open-source digital tool for humanities scholarship. Five round-the-clock work days and loads of creative talent resulted in Anthologize, a WordPress plugin that allows users to easily craft existing blog content into e-books in formats such as PDF, ePub, and basic RTF. While the Anthologize plugin has already been downloaded nearly 3,000 times, the One Week team continues to refine it and launch updates. Anthologize has been installed in UMW Blogs.

Patrick Murray-John



Homecoming 2010! Hundreds of recent graduates returned on a perfect October day for the annual tent party and to cheer the men's soccer team to victory over Hood College.

Above, top: *No. 14, UMW's Bram Sims*

Above, middle: *Friends reunite*

Above, bottom: *Three former SGA presidents: Jay Sinha '07, left, Krishna Sinha '08, and Sean O'Brien '09*

Left: *Celebrating the GOLD Rush spirit – that's* ***GOLD*** *for* ***G****raduates* ***O****f the* ***L****ast* ***D****ecade – for class participation in gifts to UMW*

Above: *Two members of the Class of 2010 reconnect: Krystal Jackson, left, and Mary Wagoner*

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Derek M. Bottcher '96

I write this as the mid-Atlantic states begin to experience the welcome taste of autumn. If you're like me, your memories of Mary Washington in the fall are vivid – leaves changing colors, students sporting sweatshirts, and faculty and students alike looking forward to winter break.

If you regularly peruse the UMW website or the alumni e-news, you know that activity abounds on both the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses. Students moved into Eagle Landing, the stunning new apartments across U.S. Route 1 from campus, and now make daily treks across the pedestrian bridge over the highway. In September, local officials and business leaders joined the UMW Board of Visitors at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Center for Education and Research, our future Dahlgren campus. Randolph and Mason halls are currently under renovation, and Monroe Hall's long-awaited facelift should be complete in time for Reunion Weekend next June, as should the new Anderson Center.

I'm proud that so many alums have responded to a call for support of a commemorative postage stamp honoring the late James Farmer, civil rights pioneer and Distinguished Professor of History at UMW. Hundreds of alumni count his spellbinding lectures and firsthand accounts of the events of the civil rights movement among their most meaningful experiences at Mary Washington. I hope you've added your name to the online petition in support of this effort. If not, go to http://jamesfarmer.umw.edu/.

As we approach the midpoint of another academic year, I encourage you to keep Mary Washington at the top of your priority list. Come back and walk the beautiful campus. Get in touch with a favorite faculty member, mentor a promising student, or recommend Mary Washington to prospective students. Watch the alumni website for an event in your area and plan to attend. You'll no doubt leave filled with excitement and pride for Mary Washington.

Class Notes

1936

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1941

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The Modern Greek Program at the University of Michigan will include the papers of **Eva Catafygiotu Topping** in a compilation dealing with Greek-American history. Someday someone will read **Eva's** papers and say, "Here is a Greek-American lady who was born and grew up in historic Fredericksburg."

Edith Patterson Breeden is still driving her amazing VW bug. Her daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Keith Dawson of Los Angeles, visited this summer. Diana received a bachelor of arts in art history in June, having interrupted her studies to raise her family.

Edith Patterson Breeden '41 is still driving her amazing VW bug.

A recent Fairfax County government publication on the history of its Asian-American population features **Lois Loehr Brown** because of her long association with the local Korean community.

It is wonderful to have frequent contact with **Lundy Baker Updike '76** and **Anne Radway '63 who** inspire the older generation to keep alert and active. **Lundy's** son, Jim, completed his freshman year at UMW.

On a recent visit to George Mason University, I met **Nell Barnes '05.** I asked her why she chose University of Mary Washington and her reply was the same one I've heard many times before: "I fell in love with the campus, it is so beautiful!"

1942

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1943

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1944

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Marie Kennedy Robins and her daughter spent Mother's Day together on a short trip to Naples, Fla. Marie has been in a continuing care retirement community in Southern Pines, N.C, for 10 happy years.

Anna Roberts Ware wrote in July and said there had been no rain since mid-May, so the dying corn and soybeans were a sad sight in the fields. She had a visit from **Libby Phillips Rowe** and her husband.

In June, **Ruth McDaniel Potts** attended a family reunion in Fredericksburg. The town has changed – her sister, **Hazel McDaniel Thompson '48**, found it difficult to figure out where she was – but Mary Washington was as beautiful as ever. Her family thought it was the prettiest campus with the prettiest buildings they had ever seen. Ruth vacationed with her children, grands, and great-grands – the youngest was 2. She spent a weekend at Lake Anna with friends, she plays a lot of bridge, and she crochets blankets for Project Linus. A knee replacement nine years ago keeps her from gardening. Sadly, one of Ruth's sisters died last year.

Isabel Hildrup Klein is doing well, despite plans for knee surgery. She and Bob still love their retirement village in North Carolina. Isabel's granddaughter, Robin, has a doctorate from Yale University and works with a national health agency. Her brother is a district attorney. Isabel's family had a reunion at her old homestead in Chancellor, Va. For those who knew of George Washington, who had been with the Hildrups forever, he was still there caring for the farm and living by himself at age 88!

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey is happy in her own home in Waldorf, which is part of a very nice retirement village. **Elizabeth Cumby Murray** lives in a retirement facility with a wonderful activities director who keeps the residents busy. Her grandson and his wife, Andrew and Kirsten, are the parents of Elizabeth's first great-grandchild, Charlotte Elizabeth, who turned 18 months old in July. Grandson Matthieu will marry in June 2011 in Westhampton, N.Y. Elizabeth's sad news was the loss of her son-in-law, who fought lung cancer for more than two years and succumbed in May.

Virginia Schier Drury '47 read Bill Crawley's history of Mary Washington, and she suggests we do the same, as well as peruse Moments in Time, *a book of campus photographs.*

My own news is that all nine of our children decided to have a family reunion at our home as we had when we first moved to Vermont 22 years ago. Our children are doing everything this time so Hank and I are supposed to stay relaxed. We are trying to! Our plans include going to Hank's annual Navy reunion in the fall in Annapolis. One of our grandsons graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Vermont. He had three jobs last summer! We still have no greats. Hank's cancer is holding its own since he is doing everything right. He hasn't lost his wit and ambition, but like most of us he tires easily. I am doing well except for lower back pain that restricts me somewhat.

1946

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How wonderful it was to see Mary Washington classmates at our 65th reunion in June! Five years ago when we said good-bye at our 60th, I had no idea that I could or would attend another memorable weekend with those friends of so many years. On Saturday, following lunch under a huge tent between Virginia and Willard halls, eight members of our class posed for a picture and then assembled in the air-conditioned parlor of Virginia. **Gloria Post Goodsell** gave an introduction emphasizing the enduring friendships and memories of our years together. She gets the credit – Gloria's enthusiasm, love, and support of Mary Washington are contagious, and we '45ers are thankful for that.

Kitty Holman Hovde, **Jean Hudson Inskeep**, **Betsy Shamburger Sharp**, **Ruth Smith Stanley**, **Frances Stebbins Shelton**, **Helen Martha Vest Larkins**, Gloria, and I each spoke of friends and remembered the war years at Mary Washington College. Families also joined our group: Kitty Holman's daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Helen Martha's two daughters, and Ruth Smith's daughter and granddaughter's family. Gloria's husband, Roger, made their travel plans from Tyler, Texas, to Fredericksburg, Va., and accompanied her. The evening's reunion social and banquet were delightful. We felt honored to meet many staff and faculty members, including Mary Washington's new president, Rick Hurley. It was refreshing to see the enthusiasm, love, and loyalty of the younger alumni. Although we were the oldest class attending, we felt very fortunate to be with them. Our love and pride for Mary Washington have not diminished. The reunion was delightful and a memorable milestone for me.

Classmates who were unable to attend our 65th reunion sent news. **Anne Dawideit Dickinson's** grandson's wedding prevented her from coming. This may have been the first reunion Anne and roommate **Bets Johnson Roberts** have missed. Though Bets has serious eye problems, with the aid of her husband and a helper, she is able to enjoy crossword puzzles and audio books.

A family wedding, a son's birthday, and the annual Ashland Strawberry Faire kept **Ann White Leonard** away from Reunion. She sent a letter her father wrote about his memorable visit to campus for May Day 1943. It is a gem, including all events from the Richmond-to-Fredericksburg train ride to the end of May Day festivities. The letter brought back so many memories. Ann is in close touch with **Betty Sharp Seelinger**, who lives in New Bern, N.C.

En route to Fredericksburg, Gloria and Roger enjoyed lunch with **Grace Bailey Lindner** and Carl at Richmond's Westminster Canterbury. **Chris Brauer Krausse** joined them. She still enjoys her river home during the summer months.

Marjorie Storms Reddoch and Ruskin are doing well in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Their traveling is limited, but they enjoy family get-togethers with their daughters, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor and Wally are upbeat and remain involved in community and church affairs in spite of health flare-ups. I enjoy phone conversations with Skip.

Please continue sending me updates and happenings in your lives.

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Sally Heritage Jordan hopes to attend our 65th reunion. She takes bus trips; does volunteer work; enjoys concerts, dining out, swimnastics, and tennis; serves on community boards; and is very involved in church activities. She has two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. "Life has been good to me," she wrote. Sally called **Carolyn Rohr Hueber** on her 86th birthday and learned she is in an assisted living home in Alexandria.

Janice Worsley Mayberry relayed the sad news that **Sue Vick Warren** passed away in May. She will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Ann Breismaster Robinson volunteers at her church gift shop and planned to attend two family get-togethers – one with her daughter and family, the other with her sister and family. She has two great-grandchildren.

> ***Helen Singleton Darfus '48 underwent a year of treatment for stomach cancer, high blood pressure, and diabetes. She wrote, "I want my classmates to know, even at age 83, I am a survivor!"***

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe is "fair," she said, but manages to get about. Joe and Tracy Ely, children of **Virginia Fry Ely**, sent a lovely letter with the sad news of their mother's death in May. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in June 1996, just after attending our 50th reunion. They said Virginia spoke often and fondly of the three years she spent at Mary Washington, 1943-1946 – about Mrs. Bushnell's WWII "news flashes," roommate **Josephine Caulk** and trips to her home town of Trappe, Md., good times with roommates **Nancy Williams** and **Mary Freeman**, and good memories of **Alice Lynch**, who was raised on a farm in Pennsylvania. "We remember her talking about **Ana Gonzalez** from Puerto Rico talking to the cat on campus in Spanish," they wrote.

1947

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Kay Ryan Ryan of Ocala, Fla., has two new great-grandsons and two new great-granddaughters. She enjoys basketball – especially March Madness – and planned to vacation "up North" in July and August. Kay hears from **June Ashton Stypes**.

Ruth Myer Butler lives in a retirement home in Austin, Texas, where she roots for the Longhorns. She is fully recovered from shoulder replacement, is active in her resident association, goes to baseball games with her son, and attends band concerts to hear her grandson play the oboe and the trumpet.

Virginia Schier Drury read Dr. Bill Crawley's history of Mary Washington, and she suggests we peruse *Moments in Time*, a book of photographs by **Lynda Richardson '81** that also contains a brief history by Dr. Crawley. Virginia also revisited her copy of Dean Alvey's *History of MWC: 1908-1972*. Virginia was in the cavalry and marching band and attended the 35th and 50th reunions.

My son, Mark, and I are still updating our home in Christiansburg, Va. Don't forget to keep in touch.

1948

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The Class of 1948 currently has no class agent. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact the alumni office at alumni@umw.edu.

In July 2009, **Helen Singleton Darfus** was diagnosed with stomach cancer, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Treatment for a year at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, left her cancer free. "The whole year was a nightmare, but I am alive and feel better than I did before I got sick," she wrote. "I want my classmates to know, even at age 83, I am a survivor. Thank God and thank MD Anderson!"

1949

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From June: While the old adage "no news is good news" may be reassuring to many, it clearly is not to Class Agents; therefore, we continue to be grateful for word from the faithful few.

An awaited report finally came from **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**, in which she summarized her journey to Carnegie Hall as "the trip of a lifetime." As noted earlier, Betty Bond's granddaughter Sarah now is a member of the Roanoke College Children's Choir, chosen as one of 10 top choirs from all over the country to perform in concert at the famed showplace. Sarah's group was further honored as the featured choir to perform alone for their 15 minutes of fame. Betty had the opportunity to sit in on a few rehearsals. B.B. said it was a real treat for those 300 kids and a thrill for her as a proud grandmother! Unfortunately, that was the weekend of a March nor'easter over most of the East Coast. B.B. said sloshing around in pouring rains all weekend dampened everything but their spirits. They now have pictures of Sarah in performance for their memory books, providing proof that one of the family finally made it to Carnegie Hall!

Even a proud grandmother faces a real dilemma when two dear granddaughters have their respective college commencements scheduled for the same day, same time, and miles apart. Helping with her difficult decision, **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons'** eldest son, Clay Devening, persuaded her to attend his daughter Chelsea's ceremony at UMW, where 61 years earlier Andi (with Clay aboard) had received her Mary Washington diploma. Arriving in Fredericksburg on Friday, Andi, Clay, and wife Martha were happy to be present when Chelsea, senior class president, introduced the featured speaker at baccalaureate. Saturday was a perfect May day for the graduation ceremony. Chelsea delivered a welcoming speech, and her parents and grandmother beamed with pride. Chelsea's major was Arabic studies and she was to leave for Syria in July to immerse herself in that culture until October. Her parents planned to join her there for her last week and accompany her home. Well done, **Chelsea Devening '10**!

The conflicting ceremony took place at James Madison University, where Andi's granddaughter Erin graduated with a degree in health science. Her father is Scott, Andi's youngest son. Because Andi could not be there, she is looking forward to 2013 when Erin expects to graduate with a doctorate in physical therapy from the Medical College of Virginia. Her roommate in Richmond is in the same program at MCV and, coincidentally, was a classmate of Chelsea's at UMW. That's keeping it all in the family, both Devenings and alumni.

In August, Andi and **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** planned to get together for lunch with three Mary Washington alumnae now living in Lynchburg. Wendy and **Esther Reece McVeigh** reside at Westminster Canterbury and were our classmates for two years but did not graduate from MWC. Two other alumni, **Margaret Ruth Harrell Youngblood '48** and **Elizabeth "Liz" Krebbs '47**, live at The Summit, along with Andi. Betty Bond was expected to come from Lexington to join the mini-reunion.

Betty Bond said her good friend, **Jane Yeatman Spangler** in North Carolina, is doing well

and had made plans for a trip to Williamsburg with family members in June.

A springtime visit with daughter Sarah and family in Kentucky gave **Frances Houston Layton** a welcome respite from duties revolving around the recent loss of her husband, Roland. Fran especially enjoyed being around her three adorable great-granddaughters, the oldest now 6. Back in West Virginia, Fran continues her involvement with the local Humane Society, for which she has been an active board member since the Laytons relocated to Lewisburg in 1993. Heading the spay/neuter program, she is grateful for its success in reducing the number of unwanted puppies/kittens turned in at the shelter as, sadly, they don't all find adoptive homes. The daughter and granddaughter of Fran's sister visited over the Fourth of July weekend. Katie, the 17-year-old granddaughter, is an accomplished violinist; she played chamber music with her mother and Fran. During their visit, they also toured the grounds of The Greenbrier on opening day of the new casino there. A classic cellist, Fran joins other women from her church in presenting a monthly music program for the residents of a local nursing home.

In June, **Anne McCaskill Libis** and Claude visited Fran for two nights before driving down to the North Carolina mountains for the annual meeting of the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. While the meeting was their primary purpose, they took time for a three-hour hike and to enjoy the spectacular views of the surrounding area. Anne passed along news of **Margaret "Peggy" Elliott Sweeney**, who was first Fran's roommate and then Anne's at MWC. Peggy had recently undergone gall bladder surgery, was recovering at home, getting physical therapy and, by now, should be back to her normal routine. Anne and Claude both take an exercise class; Claude spends time in his vegetable garden, and Anne is taking a college course in current events. With her background and ongoing involvement, we think she should be teaching it! The Libises observed the Fourth by attending the Baltimore Symphony's program at Oregon Ridge Park, where the musical salute included the mandatory *1812 Overture,* substituting coordinated firework explosions for the cannons.

As is my usual Independence Day practice, I watched *A Capitol Fourth* and the *Boston Pops* TV programs. The familiar Washington scenes always take me back to my formative years there when I was awed by the annual fireworks on the Monument grounds as the colorful displays lit up the sky. Not unlike those pyrotechnics, tremendous thunderstorms early in my namesake month this year produced widespread lightning, a bolt of which followed the telephone line and zapped my telephone, computer, and modem. For the second time in four months, my computer was hit, first by a massive virus and then by the lightning strike. With all the work necessitated by both events, I am now on a first-name basis with most of the Geek Squad! I am trying to adapt to a new computer, which has more bells and whistles than I need or can use. Now, when severe thunderstorm warnings are aired, so prevalent in the Midwest, I have learned to pull the plug on electronics. I pass that advice along to all classmates who have joined the internet era.

> ***Carol Bailey Miller '50 will be inducted into the Virginia Horse Show Association Hall of Fame.***

In April, **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** spent 10 days at the Schmidt farm, where she was joined by son Bill Jr. and his wife, Terri, who came from New Mexico, and by Kate's niece who is a student in Dallas. At the end of May, Kate began a three-week journey, first to Huntsville, Ala., where her sister Martha lives. They both then traveled to Hampden-Sydney, Va. where they spent a week with their brother and his wife. Returning to Huntsville, the sisters enjoyed another two weeks together and more TLC. After a lengthy period of recovering from last October's terrible accident and injuries, Kate said everything went well on her trip. During her stay in Huntsville, Kate met her sister's neighbor, who turned out to be another MWC alumna, **Virginia Garber Wood '44**, who gave a lovely luncheon for Kate, Martha, and some other neighbors. Their gracious hostess is from Hampton, Va.

Kate had another "small world" experience when she recently learned that a former resident of Palestine, Texas, had taught music for many years at Mary Washington. Maybe you remember Marion Chauncey, who taught voice and directed the Glee Club. Miss Chauncey left a very nice endowment to provide an annual art scholarship for selected students. Kate thought it an amazing coincidence that someone from an obscure little East Texas town had such an interest in what (to Texans) would be an obscure little liberal arts college many miles away. Kate had no contact with Miss Chauncey as a student, but we're certain many music majors remember her well and appreciate her legacy.

> ***Cynthia Medley England '51 has had her children's play,* The Golden Touch, *published by a firm in Australia.***

When Kate related her discovery to **Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart**, Connie responded with an amusing recollection from **Norah Pitts Byrnes** in Atlanta. Though Norah was an English major, she was very talented musically and studied sight singing with Miss Chauncey. Norah recalled that she sat in the second row and kept a piece of chewing gum under her tongue throughout each class. (Conni claims Norah always was "quite devilish".) Miss Chauncey had a firm rule that anyone found chewing gum in her class would get an automatic *F*! Never caught, Norah got an *A*, adding that she was *very* good at sight singing and Miss Chauncey really liked her! Can anyone top that memory of Miss Chauncey?

Conni reported having spent a lovely spring weekend in New York with her son, Curtis. They attended a memorial service for a dear family friend in the theater district, then stayed over to see a couple of shows and walked and walked "as you do in New York." Actually, Conni is a regular walker in Toronto or wherever she goes. Not acting much recently, she says she spends a lot of time in the theater watching her colleagues. Conni and Bonar went to Stratford in May to see Christopher Plummer in *The Tempest,* adding that she had worked with him in a radio soap opera when the Stuarts first moved to Canada from Los Angeles. In June, Toronto has *Luminato* which hosts shows from around the world for about 10 days and gives Conni much to view. Count Conni among our proud grandmothers: Curtis and his wife, Heidi, are award-winning teachers in the St. Louis school system, and their daughter, Elsa, was named valedictorian of the Class of 2010 at University High School. Elsa attends the University of Missouri, Columbia, where she is an honors student – and, Conni noted, greatly enjoying her freshman year at Mizzou.

We have just received the sad news of the passing of another classmate. **Ann Luther Phillippe** of Bedford. Va., died July 12 in Lynchburg General Hospital. After graduating from Mary Washington, she received a master's degree in education from Old Dominion University in 1976 and taught school for several years. She married Ephraim Henry "Bud" Phillippe, and they were proud parents of three daughters: Virginia, Susan, and Peggy. They had lived in several places, but chose as their retirement home an apple orchard at the foot of the Peaks of Otter. Ann became very interested in horticulture, working to preserve a natural woodland and learning to be an apple orchardist. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Ann's family and friends and all whose lives she touched.

In closing, we thank all the Fabulous Forty Niners who graciously responded to our quest for news, an ongoing need. As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1951

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I wish that more of you could have joined us for Reunion in June. Our gathering was small, but we had a wonderful time. We took a delightful paddlewheel cruise on the *Vivian Hannah* with Rose Hurley, the very personable wife of the new president, and members of the University staff. We feasted on a delicious buffet and then went port side for a memorial service for the 77 classmates who have left us. As each name was read, **Billie Mitchell Hanes** tossed a magnolia leaf into the river – a very impressive ceremony. Many

thanks to **Marceline "Marcy" Weatherly Morris** and **Elmer R. "Juney" Morris Jr.**, who made all the arrangements for the cruise. Saturday's picnic was under tents near Monroe Hall. **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni**'s daughter, Ana, brought her laptop so some of us were able to chat with Carmen. We had a nice representation at the banquet later on in the evening, but some had to leave after the picnic.

Nancy Lee Fox Sease and Tec live in the country in Spring Grove, Va. Some of their ponies, dogs, and other animals are gone, but they still have 18 neutered and spayed cats. Nancy Lee volunteers as a Friend of the Williamsburg Library and also at the Humane Society.

Jane Frazier Snead enjoys seven grandchildren and still operates the remnants of the old Snead Farm in Fredericksburg, providing horse-riding lessons and summer camps. Her son, Emmet III, manages the crops and a small herd of cows. They are an oasis in the midst of the industrial park that grew up around them. Also in Fredericksburg, **Florence Overley Ridderhof** continues to be involved with Micah Ecumenical Ministries, the Sacred Dance Ensemble, and her church's community dinners for the homeless. She is weaving more and more; she finished two altar cloths for Fredericksburg Methodist Church and shawls and scarves to be sold at LibertyTown Arts studio. Several of her grandchildren are in college and the younger ones are involved with soccer and Boy Scouts.

Dudley Brett Wiltshire is in Richmond, where her two sons also live. One is a retired lawyer and the other an orthodontist. She has six grandchildren; the oldest, 24, is with Google in California. Dudley's husband passed away about three years ago. **Beverly Youngs Robinson** is happy to be living in a retirement home as she enjoys traveling – she just closes the door and goes on her way. **Joanne Harriss** is living in a retirement community in Naples, Fla., and says the warmer climate seems to agree with her. She stays busy with the garden club and the new botanical gardens. **Alicia De Rivera** in Puerto Rico is having problems with bronchitis and cardio arrhythmia, which prevented her from coming to Reunion.

I was sorry to hear from **Joyce Miller Jelliffe**'s husband, Roger, that she has Alzheimer's disease. They have moved from an assisted care facility back to their home, where Joyce is happy to be able to see the backyard and familiar surroundings. Roger still works full time in his research lab at the University of California School of Medicine, and Joyce has excellent round-the-clock caregivers.

> ***Sherry Burton '62 lives in a small town on the northernmost tip of the North Island of New Zealand, a most beautiful place.***

Nan Taylor Stockman and Chaz are doing well and are still spending time in Great Island, Maine, and Lorton, Va. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl "commute" between New Jersey and Cape Cod. Two of their children are in Pennsylvania. Son Jeff is in Georgia. Mim's daughter, Barbara, and family all work with Campus Crusade for Christ. Several of Mim's grandchildren have graduated from college and one is entering Auburn University.

Carol Bailey Miller recently learned that she will be inducted into the Virginia Horse Show Association Hall of Fame in December. She has been on the VHSA board for a number of years and is proud to accept this honor.

Patti Head Ferguson's children are involved in many different ventures. Son Bruce heads Edenspace Systems Corp., a crop biotechnology firm in Kansas. Younger son Scott is vice president of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, which is based an hour east of Mexico City. Daughter Sherri paints, writes, and travels with her husband, who is head of The World Bank.

As for me, I just returned from a marvelous tour of the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Since this is being written during the heat wave of July, I am looking forward to taking off to Cape Cod and ocean breezes as soon as this is sent.

1951

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Hope you are having a good year. Can't believe that our 60th reunion is fast approaching! It is hard to believe that quite a few of us have or will be reaching 80 years old. What a shock!

Cynthia Medley England's children's play, *The Golden Touch*, was published by a firm in Australia. She receives royalties for her song *End of the Line*, which was recorded by vocalist Nina Simone. Cynthia wrote the lyrics to the music. She continues to write occasionally, her most recent contribution being to *Defenders of Wildlife* magazine.

Hannah Lou Southwell McGowan has lived in Jacksonville, Fla., most of her life, and her family lives in the area. She sent the sad news of the death in February of her roommate and good friend, **Jean "Tomme" Tomko Chapman**, in Newport News, Va. Tomme is survived by her husband, Sonny Chapman, and son Tom. Tomme and Hannah roomed together for two years, along with **Genie Cheney** and suitemates **Marge Southcott Graham**, who died in 2007, and **Anne Ruggles**. Hannah also stays in touch with **Anne Taylor Miller**, **Jeanne Burchell MacDonald**, **Carolyn Bowers Atwell**, and **Ruth Carrol Fisk**.

Sarah Herring Estes, **Ethel Straw Beall**, and I keep in touch via phone calls and luncheons. **Ruth DeMiller Hill** and I have occasional contact. Remember our 60th reunion is coming up in 2011. My best to you all!

1952

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1953

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1954

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We were sorry to learn from the spring magazine of **Patricia Johnson Beck**'s death. Our deep sympathy goes to her family.

Helen Hodges Conte called with the sad news that **Norma Bourne Bisbee** died in June; she had been very ill since January. Norma leaves her husband, Bill; three children, Donna, David, and Danny; and several grandchildren. We extend our deep sympathy to her family.

Helen took two classes last summer, studying the Civil War, The War of 1812, and President James Madison. She planned to spend a week in Florida in August, but was not too concerned about the heat.

Nancy Hoffman Eidman and her husband have moved to a retirement home in Audubon, Penn. They had been working toward that for awhile. Congratulations to them!

Helen Wilbur Vogel cares for three grandchildren – ages 4, 6, and 8 – Sunday night through Wednesday morning and stays with the older grandchildren at night when needed. She spent a week at Capon Springs recently and planned to go to Chautauqua in August for her annual lecture week. The Supreme Court was the theme this year, and Sandra Day O'Connor was to be one of the speakers.

Doris Jones Ryan of Tennessee takes family outings, does community theater and church activities, and plays duplicate bridge. Doctors' appointments and crossword puzzles fill in the gaps. She and her daughter recently spent a week in Quebec.

Marcia Craddock Frank said the oil spill hadn't affected them much, but that it was devastating for the area – even with the flow stopped. She wanted to help clean pelicans, but the work was being done too far away. A few turtles were coming up to one of her zoo facilities. She wrote that a baby orangutan with both parents in an exhibit was doing well. The baby had a birthday party in June with streamers and many wrapped presents filled with nuts and fruit. "Of course mom and dad took care of those!" Marcia said.

I visited my military family in Germany in the spring. My son, "Mr. Mom" Bart, drove a van with his Air Force wife, Doc Teri; four children; Teri's mom; and me across France to Barcelona for a Disney Mediterranean cruise. I'm now well acquainted with Mickey and Minnie, but one day, including a four-hour bus ride, doesn't cover Rome or much other sightseeing! I zipped through the Vatican and the Coliseum. We drove the Amalfi coast and went to Pompeii. Later, my daughter, Rachel, traveled to Germany. The two of us spent four days in Amsterdam, always my heart's desire. It was wonderful.

I visited my sister, **Mary Ann Gillespie Corbett '50**, and her

husband, Gordon, in Richmond recently. We spent the afternoon in the reopened Virginia Museum and its beautiful new addition.

Thanks to everyone for remembering to contribute.

1955

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Surprise to all of you and me, too – I'm your class agent for the next five years! I *did* say "*IF* you can't find anyone else, I will continue for the next five years." At our 60th reunion, I WILL keep my mouth shut.

I had a long talk with **Carol Cooper** about Reunion – our 55th. Following dinner at La Petite Auberge in Fredericksburg, there was coffee and dessert at **Ann Strickler Doumas'** home. Saturday, the big dinner for all classes preceded dessert under the stars. There were various activities such as a picnic and a tour of Eagle Village. Everyone got to meet the new president, Rick Hurley, as he attended the individual class meetings. The consensus was that he is an excellent choice to serve as the University's new leader.

The following classmates made it back, and if I have left anyone out, my apologies: **Sally Hanger Moravitz**, **Charlotte Fisher Klapproth**, **Polly Stoddard Heim**, **Ann Hungerford McKinlay**, **Mary-Margaret Papstein Carter**, **Ann Shumate**, **Coralyn White McGeehan**, **Barbara Smith Holdeman**, **Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher**, **Minnie Brooks Mayberry**, **Ann Grubbs Blitchington**, **Rhoda Browning McWilliams**, **Jane Johnson Jones**, **Ann Doumas**, and **Martha Lyle Pitman**. Special note: Our class was trying to collect money for a chair with a plaque in honor of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. Please send donations to the alumni fund.

George Carter, husband of Mary-Margaret, said the Friday reception included enough gents to make for nice manly conversation. Though there were a few canes here and there, he added, all in all it was quite a healthy crowd. He and Mary-Margaret stay fit by going to the gym several days a week, playing with grandchildren, and gardening. George is the town master of ceremonies, the borough archivist, and the secretary-treasurer of the Friends of the Library, which explains why he is such a good writer! "Some people leave their homes and head for senior communities as they get older," he said. "Maybe in 20 or so years we might do so, but with great neighbors and family, who wants to go anywhere?"

Charlotte Klapproth had fun at reunion, and she believes that Mr. Hurley is the right person for the job of president. In May, she sent the sad news that Bernie, husband of **Audie Merritt Bucholz**, died on a cruise they were taking to Bermuda. Our sympathy goes out to Audie.

At Reunion, **Polly Heim** and her little group of five toured Eagle Landing, the student housing across Route 1 from the campus.

> ***Betsy Churchman Geary '64 and husband Ray have traveled to five continents and more than 50 countries.***

Ginny Marco Hancock wasn't able to attend Reunion but sent her best wishes to all. What stands out for her among her many fond memories of her two years at Mary Washington is how friendly everyone was. She and her husband are in "pretty good shape" – he especially, after having had cardiac bypass surgery. They enjoy their 3-year-old grandson, who benefits from having his father's books and trucks. Ginny hopes that by the time he is a teenager, he will have better things to occupy his time than cell phones and social networking on the computer.

Though she had made reservations in advance, **Barbara Trites Peterson** was unable to attend Reunion. Sadly, a fall left her in a wheelchair for more than a week. She had a brace on her leg from hip to ankle and was using a walker. I hope both of us will make the 60th reunion!

Sally Moravitz was busy preparing to teach a workshop on Doris Humphrey technique and choreography at the Sacred Dance Guild Festival in New London in July. She and Fran planned to fly to Calgary and then head west to Vancouver in September to spend two weeks at Elderhostel (now called "Routes to Learning"). Their oldest granddaughter toured five weeks in Europe with the Virginia High School Choir. Two of their sons spent time this summer with their sons at Boy Scout camps. Both boys are working toward being Eagle Scouts, while another grandson discovered lacrosse as his sport. Sally no longer has any little people, she said. They are as tall or taller then she is.

Ann Dunaway Criswell is still splitting time between homes in California and Virginia. She couldn't be at Reunion as they were committed to attend Floyd's high school reunion.

Eileen Manze is on oxygen all the time, which has set back her social life, made traveling difficult, and kept her from Reunion. She was surprised and pleased to get a letter and pictures from Mary-Margaret Carter. Eileen especially liked the photo of everyone wearing their MWC shirts, and she wore hers the day of the picnic! She would like to see pictures of all the new buildings and the bridge.

I also had a fun conversation with **Phyllis Melillo Shanahan**, though I can't get used to "Phyllis" – she'll always be "Bee" to me. Though John was recovering from cancer, he was cleared for a two-week cruise in the Mediterranean. They were to leave from Barcelona, sail the French Riviera to Italy, travel on to Greece and Turkey, and return to Barcelona by way of Sicily.

For those of you who got my email, you know I complained to the doctor that I was rusting and needed a little WD-40! Instead I got physical therapy and a chance to sample lots of our very good wine. I work full time again because my very favorite employee had the nerve to get married and start a wonderful new life! It's like having your children leave – you love them, you train them, and then you have to let them go in order to keep them.

Until next time, take care, have fun, speak up, and tell it like it is – the last being one of the darn few perks of being a senior.

1956

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> ***Becky Tebbs Nunn '65 and her husband of 46 years, Spike, a retired airline captain, moved back to her hometown of Kilmarnock, Va., where she serves on the town council and writes books. Her most recent is* The Magnolia Ball III: The Conclusion.**

I now have DSL internet service on my computer, so I can do a faster job. Lucas, as of this writing, is 15 months, has four teeth, and is walking everywhere. He enjoys eating (Tom syndrome) and is always in a good mood. His every move delights me.

1961

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Our 50th reunion is history, but those of us who attended have many new memories of our alma mater

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Edith Sheppard Ott's February back surgery was successful, and she was making a quick recovery, thank goodness. **Kay Rowe Hayes** slipped on ice and sustained a severe shoulder injury. She was thinking of retiring at the end of the school year. Go for it!

Marianne Carrano Raphaely and Russ planned to attend the AMA meeting in June in Chicago. In May, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia named a new interior connecting bridge spanning from the old to the new intensive care complex in Russ' name. Wow! In July, they planned a trip to France with family – the first week in a village and villa in Southern France, and the second week in Paris.

and of old and new friends to keep us going for a few more years. If you weren't there, you missed a wonderful time. The renovated campus is beautiful. What follows is a list of attendees – 38 were in our class picture. If you were at Reunion and your name isn't here, please let us know. We want to list everybody! And, * indicates that our classmate was accompanied by a wonderful husband.

Joyce Moore Becker, Nancy Cleaves Blaydes*, Hilda Beazley Burcher, Willie Burton Calhoun*, Joyce Larrick Casey, Syd Collson Chichester, Jody Campbell Close, Patty Morgan Connolly, Debbie Mallett Cressall, Joan Dunn Diener, Nancy Moncure Deiss*, Sara Forsyth Donnelly, Terry Eagles Dow, Patricia Burke Duke, Pat Garvin Dyke, Page Shafer Frischkorn*, Dorothy Simon Gibson, Rose Bennett Gilbert, Joanne Meehan Godfrey, Sue Smith Goodrick, Sherry Farrington Green, Marilla Maddox Haas, Bonnie Davis Hall, Liz Hill Heaney, Joyce Fooks Holland, Nancy Seward Howard*, Betty Frayser Kipps, Sandra Johnston Laub, Anne Angel McMarlin*, Karen Larsen Nelson*, Joan Scarritt Reynolds, Rhoda Moyer Ruffner, Betty Bruce Shepard, Kitty Shiver Strickland, Mary Jane Stevens Taylor*, Audrey Maull Tuttle, and **Linda Fuller Watkins. Jane Choate Lorentz** had planned to be at Reunion, but her husband passed away on the Friday of that weekend. We sent – and send – condolences from the whole class.

Jody's Reunion memories: What a wonderful reunion we had. So many impressions to share. I was amazed and a little envious of the youthfulness of our class. We are beautiful! Among us, we have so many accomplishments: authors and artists, entrepreneurs and physicians, adventurers and athletes, gracious hostesses and wives, sharp community leaders with energy and plenty of savvy, women of wisdom who have learned a lot of life's lessons and who have the intelligence to know there are more lessons awaiting us, and stunning women aglow with the love of the most charming of spouses. Our class members didn't

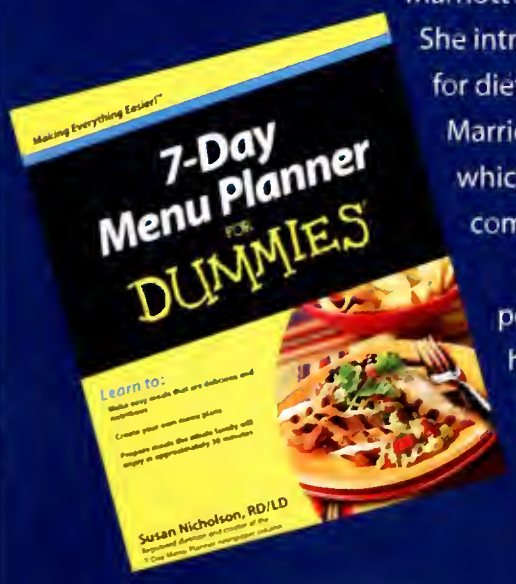
Nicholson's Recipe for Success – Say "Yes"

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson '64 has always been stirring things up – one way or another. From a disallowed dip in the college fountain and subsequent visit to the dean to becoming the first female registered dietitian for a pharmaceutical company, Nicholson counts her education at Mary Washington among the key ingredients to her success.

Creator of the syndicated *7-Day Menu Planner* newspaper column and author of the hot-off-the-press *7-Day Menu Planner for Dummies* cookbook, Nicholson followed a career path that was set her freshman year. "The opportunities for women were not what they are today," said the licensed dietician. "The main thing that women with education did in those days was become a nurse or teach school or find some sort of administrative position." Taking a healthy portion of advice from her school counselor, Nicholson chose to study foods and nutrition in the Mary Washington Department of Home Economics. She has been cooking up success in the field ever since.

After graduation, Nicholson accomplished several milestones in corporate America. She became the first registered dietitian to work in sales for Mead Johnson Pharmaceutical Co., and she created its regional dietitian position and trained all future regional dietitian staff.

In the early 1980s, Nicholson moved to Atlanta to work for Marriott's contract food services division. She introduced a fee-for-service concept for dietitians in hospitals and planned Marriott's first client-dietitian seminar, which featured an introduction to computers as part of the program.



When the company eliminated her position a few years later, Nicholson and her husband purchased a microwave retail store and cooking school. "I didn't own a microwave on Tuesday, and on Wednesday I owned 500," Nicholson said. She quickly taught herself microwave cooking, and she incorporated her knowledge of food and nutrition to lead the cooking classes at the store.

To maximize her limited budget for advertising, Nicholson produced many TV cooking segments and classes. CNN featured her *Save Your Heart with Susan*, which caught the eye of a New York agent, who called to ask if she wanted to write a book.

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson, creator of a nationally syndicated newspaper column, has just writte a new book about meal planning.

"Yes, sure. Why not?" Nicholson answered, and in 1991 she published her first cookbook. This led to bylines in newspapers and then to a regular column for the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*. Nicholson's syndicated *7-Day Menu Planner* was born.

"My experience has been that women find it hard to say 'yes' if they don't know how to do something perfectly," Nicholson said. "I just tried to teach myself to say 'yes' to opportunities. If I don't know how to do it, I'll figure it out."

Nicholson seasoned her natural determination with values harvested at Mary Washington. "I have a profound appreciation for education," she said. "Just because you graduate doesn't mean you stop learning."

And she hasn't. From sales to retail management and writing to social networking, Nicholson has approached every opportunity with one part open mind and two parts hard work. "I am always afraid when making these decisions," she said, "but I would rather take a risk than keep doing the same boring thing over and over and over."

– Lorna Webster

nake a lot of noise, but they got lown to the business of living up to heir potential and the promise that Mary Washington gave us – I was not lone in having heard Dr. Simpson's all for the "pursuit of excellence." Ours is a most excellent group of loyal daughters," with energy and ntelligence and grace. Boy, am I roud to call everyone my classmate.

Thursday evening's reception vas warm and wonderful, including aving **Betty Bruce Shepard** ign her latest books for us. Our ormal Friday night class banquet ncluded good food, the most ongenial company, and gracious rrangements. Having **Rose Bennett** p front at the podium again eemed the most natural thing. I ave read the list often, but having he slide show in memory of those 0 classmates we've lost made that oll call sweeter than usual.

Saturday was hot and found s all over the campus. We've won he Eagle trophy twice over, and we nade certain that our class name vas engraved on it for posterity. The icnic was fun, then we gathered n the central parlor of Ball Hall for final birthday party and one last hance to be together as a class. The losing banquet Saturday evening vas a poignant and eye-opening lose to our sojourn. Many of you vill remember **Edie Sheppard Ott** 59, someone we looked up to and dmired. Dr. Edie was recognized vith the highest of honors for her ody of work, including her support f Mary Washington. She paid us he tribute of remembering us by ame and brought many of us to ears. We wish her return to good ealth.

Special gratitude to **Patty Morgan Connolly** and **Syd Colson Chichester** for taking over he leadership, sacrificing much me and effort, and personally nderwriting major chunks of Reunion to keep the costs down for eturnees. We are indebted to them nd to **Nancy Seward Howard**, **Page Shafer Frischkorn**, **Liz Hill Heaney**, **Sue Smith Goodrick**, **Karen Larsen Nelson**, and **Betty Ditmars Prosser** for making his gathering memorable. Our lass brought in nearly $400,000, hanks to Patty and Syd's efforts in pearheading the class gift, to all of ou who donated, and to the cadre f phone volunteers. Thanks to Page for her wonderful collection of ictures from the weekend.

One result of the lovely weekend vas the groundswell of enthusiasm for our 55th. To those of you who did not come, we missed you – please, be with us the next time.

Thanks for all the notes and compliments on the slide show of a stream of memories. I hope to expand the DVD with the addition of pictures from Reunion and make it available to all who might like to have it as a keepsake. Please let me know if you are interested in a copy for a very nominal fee to cover costs. If you have pictures, please send them to me ASAP. I send special affection and thanks to my two Reunion roommates, Liz and Sue, for holding me together. Thank you to all the super husbands who joined in the fun and to Mary Jane Stephens Taylor's husband, whose lovely impromptu closing toast to our class was a touching surprise farewell.

Karen's Reunion memories: We all had such a great time that our celebration lasted well into Thursday evening, and we couldn't wait to get back together again Friday morning for our private trolley ride through historic Fredericksburg. We were amazed by the amount of history we never knew about the city. Dr. William Crawley was our guest speaker for the Friday evening banquet and reminded us of many events of 1956 through 1960 that impacted our lives.

Jody put together a stupendous PowerPoint slide presentation of pictures you all had sent; everyone had fun trying to identify each other from those old black-and-white photos. At all the functions, we, the class of 1960, amused the other guests and staff by insisting on singing our *Alma Mater* with the original line "we your *loyal* daughters" loud and clear enough for everyone else to hear. The official line is now "we your sons and daughters."

After the Sunday morning brunch, Jody gave a few of us a tour of the gorgeous new Jepson Alumni Center. The old Trench Hill is now an exquisite guest house attached to the new home of the alumni offices. We were all reluctant to leave that afternoon.

Joanne Meehan Godfrey wrote, "I think attending the 50th allows for a true recognition of how great/hard life is….A major reunion like that provides a true focal point, and for me is recognition of the vital link to life that Mary Washington provided. So thank you for all your effort."

Page Shafer Frischkorn wrote, "Everyone looked so good! I'm glad we won the Eagle Award, and Syd (the Eagle) was so funny."

Mary Jane Stevens Taylor and husband Ray, like others, found the trolley tour enlightening. "Dr. Crawley's talk at our dinner and his lecture Saturday morning were both delightful," she wrote. "We purchased his book, and it is fascinating reading."

Anne Angel McMarlin enjoyed reacquainting herself with former classmates and learning Fredericksburg history on the trolley tour. "The service from the UMW staff also was most accommodating and efficient, and the events planned were delightful and pleasant," she wrote. "I certainly missed the class members who were not there."

Like so many, **Nancy Cleaves Blaydes** thanked the Reunion Committee and UMW for a great job planning and executing the weekend. "It was fun reuniting with friends and making new ones. I even found a classmate who lives on the same street in Massachusetts as my daughter," she wrote. "I still can't believe we are all old enough to have a 50th reunion."

Rose Bennett Gilbert sent her thanks, too, and wrote "Wow! And wow! You all made it worth waiting a half-century for our Big Five-O Reunion…and wasn't it fun? A bit surreal, too, but truly a once in a lifetime event."

Nancy Moncure Deiss sent a delightful admission that she was really glad we had nudged her to come; she had a wonderful experience. That kind of reply warms the heart.

1961

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From Connie: Have you marked your calendars for our 50th reunion, June 3-5, 2011? Plan to get more time on campus by attending Alumni College on June 3, with interesting classes but no papers or grades. If each of us contacts *at least one* classmate whom we would like to see after all these years, think of what fun that would be! The 50th is a milestone, so let's celebrate by coming together at our beautiful alma mater. We want to win those trophies for reunion giving, one for dollar amount and, especially, the one for highest participation of givers!

> ***Roberta James East '66 runs a pick-your-own flower farm in Purcellville, Va., with a separate wedding floral business.***

Sadly, we have lost three classmates since March. Our renowned mystery writer and antiques appraiser, **Mary Louise Joslin Jenkins,** a.k.a. Emyl Jenkins, died of ovarian cancer on April 27 in Richmond, Va. **Denby Singley Gorman** passed away from two brain tumors on May 13 in Columbia, S.C. And **Carol Turner Daniels** died on June 6; please see Renee's section. We remember and miss them dearly.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom wrote that **Nancy Edmunds Morris'** oldest daughter, Sally, lost her battle with cancer on April 20. Sally lived with her family in Atlanta and had fought valiantly for two years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and Dewey, Nancy.

After spending the winter in Hawaii, **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and hubby Cliff of New Fairfield, Conn., went on a National Geographic-Lindblad trip to Egypt and Jordan last spring. They followed that by spending a couple of weeks in Paris to relax and enjoy late meals and museums.

Kelly Cherry is director's visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.,working on a book-length poem. She and Burke planned to have a couple of days in New York City at the end of her stay. **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and Clarence went to Florida last winter to visit Dennis and family in Jacksonville, and Park and family at Tyndall Air Force Base. The Ashley's first grandchild, Christopher, is 16. Dennis and Maria are expecting their fourth boy in December,

who will make grandchild No. 14. "Another quilt to make," she wrote.

In May, **Carolyn Crum Pannu** attended West Point's 50th class reunion. While there, she met **Jean Ryan Farrell** and cruised with her and others around the New York City harbor. She also met **Lynne Williams Neave** and Sandy in the city for dinner. Carolyn and daughter Kara went to the theater twice. She planned to spend a few days in Los Angeles with **Renee Levinson Laurents** in August. She has her calendar marked for "our BIG 50th!"

Barbie Upson Welch and her husband, Chuck, have been busy with the Mary Campbell Center, a home for handicapped adults, founded by Chuck's family. Barbie serves on the board. She and her family gathered in Dallas for her nephew's wedding. She and Chuck toured the area with her brother and his wife, and they hoped to travel to Charleston in the fall.

Barbie was on a USTA Senior tennis team that went to the North Carolina State Championships and had lots of fun – even though they didn't win the trophy! Barbie's grandson, Leo, 3, is quite the talker, she said. Barbie and **Mary Hatcher**, a master gardener, got together recently.

Thanks, as always, to all who wrote.

From Renee: Hi everyone! In May, **Mary Hatcher**, of Wilmington, N.C., and a friend spent 10 days in Door County, Wis., then headed to Green Bay, where her friend not only ran a half marathon but won third place in his age group. Mary visited Mount Vernon to meet **Kathy Byorum Whaley**'s oldest son, who was with his family visiting from Indiana. Mary stays in touch with Kathy, who lives with her husband, Dave, in Copperas Cove, Texas. She also saw **Connie Booth Logothetis** at the farmers' market. Mary stayed in Virginia with roommate **Betsy Hueston Hansen** and attended a yoga class with her. Mary also planned to visit Cape May, N.J., and take a museum cruise to see nine lighthouses in the area.

Becky Paris Spetz sent the sad news that her freshman-sophomore roommate, **Carol Turner Daniels**, was diagnosed with kidney cancer late last year and passed away on June 6. On a happier note, Becky and her family are fine. She travels, gardens, plays duplicate bridge, hikes, and reads. She was about to leave for Paris when she wrote.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins planned to visit Santa Barbara, Calif., in October for the wedding of her nephew, then travel with her sister to visit family in Portland, Ore. Peggy's sons and their families spent the week of July 4 with her at her place on the lake. She is having some back problems and doing physical therapy. She plans to attend Reunion.

Linda Mitchell Spiers '66 loves life as the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, Conn.

Pepper Jacobs Germer and Hank were in Paris in March and took a cruise on the Seine River.

As for me, this will be my last Class Notes submission. I have been discouraged by how few responses I have gotten to my pleas for news, but I extend my thanks to those of you who HAVE written and usually do so each time. I have loved hearing from you, and I do appreciate the words of encouragement when you say a nice thank you to me for writing. It really does mean a lot.

We all experienced a wonderful four years of intellectual and social growth at MWC; we forged bonds that remain to this day. All of that is simply a collective treasure that we carry around inside of ourselves. I welcome email from any of you who care to write, and I very much wish to stay in touch! I love you all, and look forward to seeing you at Reunion. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

From Lynne: Frank and **Jean Ryan Farrell** are beginning their 28th year living in Atlanta, and they still love it. This year, they visited the Dalmatian Coast and next year's adventure will be to Turkey. They saw **Carolyn Crum Pannu** when they were at Frank's 50th reunion at West Point. **Sue Wilson Sproul** has been in Virginia a lot, handling her late brother's estate. She planned to return in August with Dave to look after grandchildren Audrey, 12, and Nathaniel, 7, then visit Ocracoke. Sue has gotten a personal trainer and she hopes to be slimmer by Reunion!

In June, **Pat Scott Peck**'s daughter, Stacey, married Jeff Griffin in the oak-shaded garden of Vizcaya, a historic Italian villa on the water in Miami. She visited Washington, D.C., for a week, and then headed to Calais, Maine, via Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. She planned to be in her cottage on the Canadian border until mid-October. With four bedrooms and two baths, she would love to have Mary Washington gals visit.

I was so happy to hear from **Judy Saunders Slifer** that she is doing well. She is still on chemo for multiple myeloma, but it is at a maintenance level, which is wonderful. Judy and **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** are planning a 15-day Viking cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest in May. Judy and **Polly Updegraff Champ** plan to come to Reunion together, and she's working on commitments from Eleanore, **Linda Taylor Drustrup**, and **Babs Buse Johnson**.

Jane Waln Rockhold plans to attend Reunion. She and Jim celebrated their 44th anniversary in June and enjoyed having both girls, two sons-in-law, and four grandchildren –ages 13 years to 5 months – for a fun-filled, hectic visit! One daughter is in Germantown, Md., and the other is in Atlanta. Jim is a retired pilot. Jane still enjoys painting. She said she has such fond memories of Julian Binford and the Mary Washington Art Department.

Antoinette "Toni" Bonanno Leonard Matlins '67 is a professional gemologist and a member of the Board of the Accredited Gemologists Association.

Kay Slaughter planned to retire in August after 24 years as an attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center. She will still live in Charlottesville, but she will miss SELC and the many interesting projects related to the environment. Kay saw her grandson, Ian McNett III, graduate from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Kay's roommate, **Cynthia Scott Cozewith**, transferred to Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, where she met her husband, Charlie. Cynthia and Charlie are retired in Houston and Cynthia is an incredible sculptor.

Suzanne Stafford and Kay are good friends. Suzanne lives in San Francisco, is retired from Crown Zellerbach, and is very active in her church choir. "She is much the same zany person and a lot of fun to be around," Kay wrote.

Kay said our classmates who transferred to U.Va. for nursing school will also celebrate their 50th reunion June 2-4, and she wishes there were some way everyone could meet up. Among those transfers is Kay's close friend, **Judy Kennedy Matthews**, who lives in Martinsville, Va., with her husband, John. They are active with Piedmont Arts and the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Other nursing transfers were **Mittie Weeden** and **Barbara Kelly**, who would love to see Mary Washington friends. "As one who attended MWC for only two years and who has attended the last two reunions, I encourage the others to come back," wrote Kay, who transferred to the University of North Carolina. "You see some people you knew and you meet others – I think these times are a lot of fun to renew friendships and make new ones."

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Greetings to you! Hope this column finds you well and eagerly awaiting the holidays. Many, many thanks to **Nancy Powell Sykes** for writing such delightful and informative class notes while I was traveling last winter!

Sandra McGregor Craig, **Sydney Truitt Green '63**, and **Susan Ramey Robertson '63** had a terrific tour of Argentina and Chile in March. Sandy's husband, Kenny, joined her and they stayed an extra five wonderful days in South America. They toured a copper mine in full miner's regalia, worked the robots breaking rocks, and visited a zoo to see white Bengal tiger twins. Sandy and Ken finished the trip by stopping to see granddaughter Brighton for her second grade Grandparent's Day. Sandy said, "It doesn't get any better than that!"

Noel Sipple moved to a different condo in her same complex. She felt as if she had

adopted a stray and now is bringing the "new" condo the TLC it needs. She said **Julia Shumaker Bailess** toured Europe visiting WWII battle sites, many of which her father had visited during his time in the military.

Mary Lott Haglund and husband David took their boat from Houston to Newfoundland. Mary, Dave, and I had a nice get together on their boat early one a Saturday morning during their stopover in Hampton, Va. Mary gave me updates on her son, daughter, and the four grandchildren. The Haglunds certainly seem to be enjoying their retirement.

Joan Akers Rothgeb, Mary Lott Haglund, and **Sue Grandy Farrar** rented a cottage in Virginia Beach in June. Joan stopped in Richmond to babysit son Lee's 2-year-old son. Daughter Shannon invited Joan and husband Eddie to attend their granddaughter's kindergarten graduation. Sue is glad she made the move from Norfolk to Christiansburg, Va., to be near her daughter and grandson. She works at the local museum.

As for me, I had a most delightful trip to Australia and New Zealand the end of February and the beginning of March – summer "Down Under." We visited the Great Barrier Reef and the Sydney Opera House. The Australian people were so open and friendly, and I got to practice saying "g'day mate." **Sherry Burton** lives in a small town in the very north area of the North Island of New Zealand, a most beautiful place. I was so disappointed when I was not able to reach her while I was there.

Please let me hear from you. We would all like to know how and what you are doing.

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Once again, I had a great time talking to members of our class, many of whom I haven't seen since we graduated. My husband, Jonathan, and I had a wonderful trip to Northern Italy. Based on a newspaper article on the wines of the Alto Adige, we traveled by train from Milan through the Lake Como area, Verona, Bolzano, and through the Brenner Pass to Munich, Germany. The wines and food were fabulous. Near the end of every summer, we make our annual trip to Long Beach Island, N.J., where we rent a house big enough to hold all four children and six granddaughters, largely so that the cousins can all spend time together.

> ***A highlight of last summer for Elizabeth "Beth Anne" Moses Mathes '67 was UMW Alumni College preceding Reunion Weekend. She said the professors were not only knowledgeable, but also skilled at engaging their audiences.***

Mary Russell, **Alice Eckenrode Alkire**, **Cynthia Whittaker Finnelly**, and I planned a mini reunion in July at **Sally Sutherland**'s lovely log house with horse barns just outside of Richmond, Va. Mary, Alice, and I live in the Washington, D.C., area; Cynthia lives in Holly Springs, N.C.

Gloria Moskowitz Fischel said being a grandmother to five is the best job ever! She traveled to Costa Rica and Cancun last winter, and she still runs a travel agency. She was putting together a culinary tour with cooking classes in Tuscany for women. She golfs and continues to write freelance magazine articles, as she has since leaving Mary Washington. She took a memoir writing course and hoped to record some of her family history.

Lucille Kempel Mattern of Sarasota, Fla., retired as an environmental biologist from the Manatee County Planning Department. She's very happy to be able to travel, having recently returned from a trip to Egypt, and is studying Spanish. Her two sons live in Sarasota.

Lois Smith McDaniel lives in Gainesville, Va. She and her husband traveled to England and Scotland last year and their next trip was to be to New England. They're photographers and planned to track down lighthouses and covered bridges in Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island. In October, they planned to go on a cruise along the California and Mexican coast. All this traveling should serve them well as travelers' aides at Dulles Airport in Virginia, where they started volunteering last spring.

Betsy Evans Manchester and her husband have lived in Mendham, N.J., for the past 20 years and retired 10 years ago. They take advantage of local sites such as Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, travel to Alexandria, Va., to visit their son and his family, and spend summers in Maine. Betsy is in touch with **Linda Gulnac Steels**, who has retired with her husband to Nantucket, Mass.; **Joan Hecker Wuerfele** of Naples, Fla.; and **Ginger Logee Carr** of Boothbay, Maine.

Stay in touch – I love hearing from all of you!

1964

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There is much news from our busy Class of '64. After 43 years in Richmond, in 2006, **Betsy Churchman Geary** and husband Ray retired to Durham, N.C. They enjoy Durham's new performing arts center and attend performances in Raleigh and Chapel Hill. They are the proud grandparents of two boys and four girls, ages 15, 13, 11, 9, 6, and 4. Daughter Jill and her four children live nearby. In June, Betsy and Ray were on a land and cruise tour of Alaska; they have been to five continents and more than 50 countries. They see **Peggy Morgan Tarr**, who lives in Columbia, S.C., and **Monie Argo Plueger** and husband Rod in Greensboro, N.C. In 2008, Betsy, **Linda Rudd Davis**, **Betty Gregory Wickersham**, and **Dotti McDowell Smith** gathered for a mini-reunion in Durham and in Pinehurst at Dotti and Leighton Smith's house.

Patti Jones Schacht and I enjoyed sharing freshman year memories of Mrs. Blessing's French class and funny incidents from Dr. Griffith's English class. **Ruth Pharr Sayer** and I enjoy our shared connections with the schools of the Sacred Heart – she in Princeton, N.J., and I in New York City and now in Greenwich, Conn. Ruth's daughter has just gotten through the ongoing hurdle of getting children into private schools in New York City. It is amazing how life's paths cross, a fact that I appreciate more and more as the years pass.

Ruth wrote with sad news; the husband of **Margaret Goode Watkins**, Grant, passed away in April after a long and brave struggle with cancer. Margaret, our thoughts are with you and your family.

Leslie Pack Hertzler and husband Gerry live in the very center of "Tornado Alley" in Oklahoma. Shortly before she wrote, another big one passed near their town. They have been safe so far, but Leslie feels safer when they visit their two daughters and teenage grandchildren at Smith Mountain Lake or in Charlottesville, Va. Leslie is in touch with two of her former roommates, who left Mary Washington before graduation. **Ritchie Donnelly** now lives in Massachusetts, and **Lynne Shaw deVries** is in Portland, Ore., but came east for a visit in 2009.

I was delighted to touch base with **Helen Clarke** – now a great-grandmother! – on Facebook. During a visit to her mother in Poquoson, Va., Helen connected with **Sharon Haythorne Stack** and her husband, Pete. Helen lives in Tennessee and works at Fort Campbell.

Anne Phillips Massey sends her regards. My freshman year roommate, **Sally Crenshaw Witt**, is very involved with Virginia Garden Week. If you haven't been to a Virginia Garden Week, it is truly something to see. Sally keeps in touch with **Joanne Crockett Lewis**, who sends her best regards to all.

Pat Hess Jernigan, also my roommate freshman year, and David took a wonderful trip to the Galapagos Islands and Peru last winter, so they missed the three-week round of snow that hit D.C. Fearless about tackling huge renovation projects, Pat wrote, "Last year we did the kitchen, and this year it's the bathrooms and master bedroom. If we survive, we'll do the basement next year."

Betty Jennings Peterson is enjoying a "second grandmotherhood," visiting every Tuesday with TWO sets of twins. She and Mel enjoy visiting grandchildren, Kai, 14, and Ana, 12. Kai was confirmed recently, and the family gathering included wonderful visits on the porch and around the campfire.

Congratulations to **Nancy Booth** on receiving her doctorate from Rutgers University and for being promoted to associate professor at her college.

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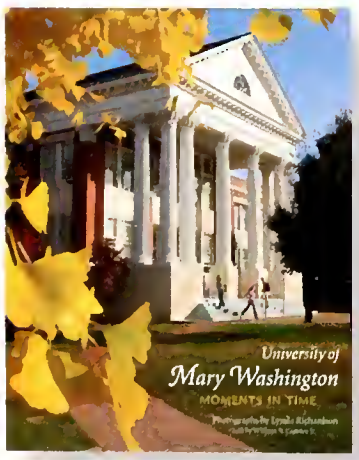

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I finished a busy school year in ate May and almost immediately ook off for Ireland with the Harvard Alumni Association. We njoyed a marvelous travel seminar n Irish literature, which I studied vhen I got my master's degree more ears ago than I would like to admit. Ve concentrated on Dublin and n the north and west of Ireland, vith special emphasis on Yeats and oyce. It's a beautiful country with nteresting sights, a rich and full istory, kind people, and good food. ou can't beat that.

It is a pleasure to hear from so nany in our class. If you are trying o get in touch with a classmate, lrop me an email, and I'll see if I an help out. Or, contact the alumni ffice. Don't forget to write. Your lassmates really do enjoy hearing our news. However mundane you hink it is, it's new and interesting to he rest of us.

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Life is still great for me here in Atlanta. Playing tennis in two eagues year-round helps keep ne fit, and playing bridge several imes a week helps keep the rain working. I have spent lots f time traveling this spring and ummer to be with my children nd grandchildren. It will be a little asier next year when my son and amily move to California, where e'll be stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station. That is less than 200 niles from where my daughter and er husband live.

I correspond regularly with **Penny Partridge Booth**, **Sue Wooldridge Rosser**, and **Lee Henry Madley**. Penny had health ssues this spring that kept her from ttending our 45th, but she plans o get things organized for our 0th! Sue's husband, Jim, died last December after a long illness. She as done a fair amount a traveling his year, going to Indianapolis, St. Thomas, and Maui, and spending week in Hilton Head with her whole family. Lee's daughters both ad baby sons in the last year, and he enjoys spending time with hem. She has just finished major enovations to her townhome and is eady to relax and enjoy it!

A few of us Georgia grads got ogether for lunch in April. **Cathy May Tyler Findley**, **Janice Helvey Robinson**, **Betty Massie Cropper**, nd I had a great time reminiscing about school days and marveling how none of us had changed at all! Although Cathy and I have seen each other periodically over the last 45 years, I hadn't seen Betty at all since graduation and Janice no more than once or twice at Atlanta alumni functions. We met early and the waitress didn't seem to mind how late we stayed! Betty's father died just prior to his 91st birthday, and their family had a wonderful celebration of his life at the funeral in Virginia.

Stephanie Cadman Coker Hastings remarried in June of last year. Husband Jim is an architect who moved into her neighborhood in a home he designed. They have six children between them and 13 grandchildren!

In 2006, **Becky Tebbs Nunn** and her husband of 46 years, Spike, a retired airline captain, moved back to her hometown of Kilmarnock, Va., where she serves on the town council. The last of the "magnolia trilogy" books, *The Magnolia Ball III: The Conclusion*, was published in March. She also has published *The Magnolia Ball*, *The Magnolia Ball-dash-Two: The Continuation*, and *Stolen Sons*. She directs plays for community and home-school theater in the Lancaster County area. *Robin Hood, the Musical*, with 42 youngsters aged 4 to 18, was in rehearsal during Lent, and she called it her penance! Daughter Ashley is a marital and family therapist in Marin County, Calif. She also does equine-assisted psychotherapy with children.

Lynn Bard Jones lives near Becky. Her husband, Scotty Jones, passed away several years ago. Her daughter lives in Denver. **Kacky Hudson Fox** retired from nursing and has taken up knitting and sailing. She lives in her hometown of Acorn, Va. Her daughter, Sarah, just had her second child.

Mary Alyce Johnson Roberts and husband Cliff live in San Francisco and recently became grandparents. Cliff heads the Veterinary School of the University of San Francisco. News from **Alice Funkhouser**: **Ray Whitehead Kuhn** recently remarried while cruising to Bora Bora! Her husband's name is Randy, and the trip and ceremony sounded fabulous. **Margaret Mahon Whitehead** built and moved into a new home. She enjoys her grandchildren and is curating her late husband's papers. She and her roommate-of-three-years, **Abbie Donald Cutter**, spent a fun, sentimental day touring Mary Washington last summer. Both were pleased to see that the natural and built landscapes are still very beautiful. **Caroline Smith Parkinson** and husband Jim moved back to Richmond. They had a wonderful time celebrating and saying good bye when she retired after 24 years of parish ministry. On a sad note, **Ellen Jones Tompkins** lost her son, Jay, in November 2009.

1966

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In April, **Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann**, **Jana Privette Usry**, **Lee Enos Kelly**, **Carolyn Perry Grow**, **Nancy Shackelford Jones**, our honorary class member and beloved sponsor, Dr. George Van Sant, and his wife, Milena, attended a luncheon to meet our new president, Rick Hurley. Later, Bobbi and Jana attended a euphoric "MW on the Road" reception in Richmond, along with **Pat Lewars Pace** and **Diana Twiggs Woodworth.** Bobbi reported that faculty, staff, alumni, and the Fredericksburg community were "over the moon" with campus developments, renovations, programs, and the new Eagle Village. Bobbi and Jana also worked the Reunion Weekend registration table. At the Saturday banquet, Bobbi presented awards to four outstanding alumni, her "last hurrah" as the vice president for alumni awards after a second two-year term on the Alumni Board. Bobbi's freshman roommate, **Christine Brooks Young**, and friend **Charnell Williams Blair** drove from Suffolk, Va., to Williamsburg to see Bobbi. Bobbi traveled to Norfolk, Va., to meet Phil and **Eileen Perna Thomason** at their son's "posh five-year-old" restaurant on the waterfront. Bobbi and **Anne Meade Clagett** are already working on plans for our next class reunion.

Jana is actively involved with Richmond's diversity choir, One Voice Chorus, which performed in conjunction with a premiere jazz combo, the Russell Wilson Trio, in June. She attends Richmond Jazz Society meetings and still harbors a desire to learn to play the cello. Jana works as a mediator and recently completed training to expand her expertise to elder mediation. She cares for her aunt, whom she is moving from Boca Raton to a Richmond assisted-living facility. Jana and **Lee Enos Kelly** are co-chairs of reunion fundraising.

Marty Spigel Sedoff and family spent a week in July at Litchfield Beach, S.C. Marty went to the Curves facility at Pawley's Island and met an employee there who was originally from Richmond, had been a childhood friend of **Dee Dee Nottingham Ward**, and had attended Mary Washington!

Marty had lost touch with **Crystal Winston Metcalf** but contacted her via Facebook. Crystal and husband Tom live in Port Edwards, Wis., not far from Marty's Minneapolis home. Crystal and Tom, married 46 years, have two sons and eight grandchildren. Tom retired from the family lumber business two years ago. Crystal worked there for years as a bookkeeper and now helps out when needed.

Carolyn A. Eldred is already looking forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion. She signed an agreement to endow a Mary Washington scholarship and attended the Scholarship Luncheon at the UMW Alumni Executive Center in April. Carolyn got her graduate degree at George Washington University and also agreed to endow a graduate fellowship there.

> ***Pat Piermatti '70 of Clifton, N.J., retired in 2008 after 37 years as a pharmaceutical science librarian for Rutgers University Libraries.***

Tyla Matteson works with climate forums, the Sierra Club, and local Richmond activities. Husband Glen is staff director of the Virginia chapter of the Sierra Club. He and Tyla traveled to San Francisco last spring where he received a national award for his work. They also toured Yosemite National Park.

Diana Hamilton Cowell and her husband of 41 years, Dan, enjoy retirement. She was a medical social worker at the hospice of Huntington, W.Va. He was the associate dean for graduate medical education and a staff psychiatrist at Marshall University Medical School. They have relocated to South Bethany, Del., where Diana continues to work with three phases of the census and Dan has a part-time position with the Sussex Correctional Institution.

They love boating, beaching, and hosting friends, relatives, children, and grandchildren. Diana has worked to facilitate a sister city relationship between Bethany Beach, Del., and Periers, France, in Normandy. The mayor and several others residents of Periers traveled to Bethany in August for a ceremony to formally recognize the sisterhood of the two cities.

Linda Mitchell Spiers loves life as the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, Conn. She recently completed a five-year term on the standing committee for the Diocese of Connecticut. She has finished two years of a doctoral program at Hartford Seminary and has three classes and one final project to complete. In July, after a weeklong mission camp in Hartford with 100 teens, Linda traveled to St. John's, Virgin Islands, for 10 days with friends.

Pat Lewars Pace celebrated the birth of her fifth grandchild, Finn, in May. Finn had a complicated delivery and his parents had unrelated medical problems, making it a tense period for the family. Fortunately, everyone recovered fully! Pat, her children, three granddaughters, and other grandson really enjoy having another baby boy around.

Sad news from **Joan Cuccias Patton** – her father passed away in March. She and her four siblings spent part of the summer in Mississippi preparing his home for sale. Afterward, Joan retreated to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to visit a friend and was later joined in a rental house by her kids and grandkids. She attended a huge family reunion and vacationed in Newport Beach, Calif. Joan did manage to return home in August to attend a UMW reunion meeting in Fredericksburg! Meanwhile, Joan was preparing for her daughter to be married at home in October – the first family home wedding.

Kathleen Goddard Moss and husband Tom have reduced their jobs to part-time, continue their church and community activities, and spend the largest part of their time with family. Since their grandchildren live in California, Spain, Ohio, and Virginia, they travel frequently and host summer visits, including their annual Hilton Head family vacation.

Kathleen continues to maintain a Facebook page for us. Please join the *MWC 1966* Facebook group and post notes and pictures as often as possible. In preparation for our June 2011 reunion, Kathleen requests that you send your email address to me or **Barbara Bishop Mann** and make a donation to UMW prior to Reunion. Our class would like to again win the competition for the largest percentage of donors and perhaps win the Reunion Eagle competition, which we narrowly missed last time. Kathleen and the MW Lunch Bunch selected Brock's Riverside Grill for our Friday reunion dinner party, and she encourages everyone to attend the dinner.

Linda Spangler Berkheimer is planning a super slide show for Reunion and is already busy collecting photos taken during our college years. Email digital MWC pictures to me, **Katharine Rogers Lavery**, or **Barbara Bishop Mann**. You also can post them on the *MWC 1966* Facebook page.

Doralece Lipoli Dullaghan '70 is director of strategic partnerships for Sur Le Table and manages their branded cookbooks and their culinary travel program.

Barbara "Barbi" Barriga Rowe has lived near West Chester, Pa., since 1980. She was head of Fairville Friends School there for 10 years and is now the director of admissions at West Chester Friends School. In 1968, Barbi married U.S. Air Force officer Gordon Rowe and accompanied him to Vietnam and Laos, an experience similar to the *MASH* episodes. Barbi managed to have a teaching job everywhere she went. Although she and Gordon have divorced, they are amicable and continue to co-parent their son, two daughters, and three grandchildren. Son Gordon and daughter Winden live nearby and both are working on advanced degrees. Daughter Morgan married a Swiss-Thai man and lives near Zurich, Switzerland, where she is working on a master's degree. Barbi keeps in touch with **Susan Roth**.

Susanne Landerghini Boehm wrote with the sad news of the passing of **Helen "Bunny" Black Jureidini**. Bunny lived in the French house sophomore year with Susanne, **Susan Roth Nurin**, and **Tyla Matteson**. A French major, Bunny also studied dance. She was a career senior physical therapist at the CJW Medical Center in Richmond but had retired with husband Paul to Annandale, Va.

Kathy Fowler Bahnson had an aneurysm last spring but after successful surgery has returned to normal activities and exercise. She is really looking forward to Reunion.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach is pleased to announce that she and longtime companion Richard Schanne married in a private ceremony on May 10 at the Church of Our Redeemer in Aldie, Va. Sandra and Richard honeymooned with a driving tour through New England. They will live in Reston, Va., where Sandra has lived for many years.

Pam Kearney Patrick has unearthed the movies she took at our 25th reunion and is reformatting them for our 45th. Come prepared for some good chuckles! Pam recently reconnected with **Pam Ward Hughes**, who lives in Northern Virginia and works for the U.S. State Department. Pam is close friends with **Sandy Pearson D'Acunto**.

Clara Middleton Leigh '63, my lifetime friend and neighbor, opened up the UMW Heritage newsletter last spring and immediately recognized **Robert Strassheim '96** and his family. We all grew up in the small farming community of Floris, Va. Clara, three other retired teacher friends, and I enjoy a season subscription to the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. The most recent outstanding performance was Maurice Hines' *Sophisticated Ladies*, which played in Duke Ellington's home theater, the Lincoln Theater, on U Street, and was a marvelous tribute to the Duke and all his musical endeavors. Whenever I go to the theater, I am reminded of Dr. Kline, Dr. Woodward, the MWC Players, and our field trip to The National Theatre to see Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

Roberta "Robbie" James East continues to manage her pick-your-own flower farm in Purcellville, Va., with a separate wedding floral business. She has decided to retire from the wedding business, keep the flower part of the farm, and sell off some acreage to reduce costs and labor demands so she and husband Dennis can travel more. Robbie's "chick trip" in September was to Santa Fe, N.M., where she and friends rented a beautiful house as a base for their day trips. One memorable excursion was to Georgia O'Keefe's property.

Nancy Dean Wolff's husband passed away after a long battle with cancer. Our sincere condolences for your loss, Nancy.

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Cecilia "Cele" Fazzi van Eeden retired after 36 years teaching French and Spanish. She enjoys time with her mother, daughters, and granddaughter, and she volunteers for several community organizations.

Susan Spencer Collins and husband Mike, a geriatric specialist, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala., right outside of Birmingham. They have been married 40 years. Daughter Catherine and her husband, Jason, live in nearby Hoover, Ala. Daughter Rebecca and her family – husband Jon, and daughter Laura, 2 – lost their house in the 2010 flood in Nashville. Rebecca and Jon are rock climbers. Catherine and Jason are into Iron Man races.

Susan said it was great to see **Nancy Mead Cherweck** and **Betsy Gantsoudes Robeson** at different Reunion Weekends. Neither has aged a day since they graduated, Susan said. Nancy married a classmate of my husband and is retired after many years of working in his office. Betsy was Susan's roommate for a year after med tech school and is living in New Mexico. She is still working with her husband, a pediatric urologist.

Patsy Monahan Holden worked in schools for 30 years, the last seven as a counselor. She retired in 2005 and returned to work in 2006 as the therapist for day patients at a psychiatric hospital. Her husband of 42 years, Mike, continues to do well after a severe closed-head injury he suffered in an auto accident 25 years ago. Retired since 2004, he is involved in church activities, water aerobics, and yard work. Their triplets live in Austin, Texas, about a three-hour drive from Patsy and Mike's home in Houston, where they have lived for 30 years. They spend many weekends together, enjoying lake activities and their two grandchildren, Lexie, 8, and Ethan, 6. Patsy and Mike have enjoyed trips to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Ireland, Canada, Mexico, and Egypt.

Patsy stays in touch with **Susan Eike Spaulding**, **Florence Bishop**, and **Jean Johnson Dunn**. Several friends in Patsy's suburb, Kingwood, graduated from Mary Washington; among them are **Garland Estes McCarthy '50**, **Mary Davies McCartney '54**, and **Betsy Johnson Gould '63**.

Antoinette "Toni" Bonanno Leonard Matlins is a professional gemologist and a member of the Board of the Accredited Gemologists Association. She writes that GemStone Press has recently released new editions of two of her books: the seventh edition of *Jewelry & Gems: The Buying Guide* and the fourth edition of *Colored Gemstones: The Antoinette Matlins Buying Guide*. The third edition of *Diamonds: The Antoinette Matlins Buying Guide* was due to roll off the press this fall.

Elizabeth "Beth Anne" Moses Mathes' annual excursion will take her to Germany in December for the holidays. Last year she went to Istanbul, saw beautiful sites, and traveled by boat on the Bosporus Strait nearly to the Black Sea. She is in touch with **Susan Lee Bales**, who has a beautiful home on the Cape Fear River in Wilmington, N.C. Susan retired from the federal government and is now consulting.

Beth Anne said a high point of last summer was UMW "Classes Without Quizzes" the lectures for alumni and friends preceding Reunion Weekend. The professors were knowledgeable, she said, and also skilled at engaging their audiences. "The campus is *remarkable*!" she wrote. "It was lovely when we attended MWC and, over the years, the school has continued to create new buildings and landscaping that blend seamlessly with the old and create a place of unusual beauty."

Gail Osborne Tiska, a seven-year breast-cancer survivor, wrote that she is grateful to be here even if we *are* "Medicare age." Gail has four children and five wonderful grandchildren in California, Massachusetts, and New York. She golfs with her husband of two years, a scratch golfer, and they enjoy spending November in Southern Pines, N.C. Gail has fond memories of senior roommates **Linda Sherman** and **Judy Dunn**.

As for myself, **Nancy McDonald Legat**, my husband, Dan, and I are enjoying retirement in South Carolina. We are active in our church, and our three daughters, sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren live nearby. I enjoy mentoring in the local elementary school and doing a little writing and calligraphy.

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Hi all. The last time I wrote Class Notes, it was bitterly cold. Now, the country is weathering a major heat wave. By the time you read this, however, it should be fall and no doubt the most beautiful time of all at Mary Washington.

Sadly, **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns** lost her mother in May. Afterward, Jeanine spent some time in the mountains of West Virginia, near Blackwater Falls, and found it lovely and very restorative. She also spent a week at the Outer Banks of North Carolina in June, one of her favorite places. Jeanine's son, Sean, director of the D.C.-based Drug Enforcement Administration Museum, returned home safely from a "fact-finding" trip to Colombia. Her daughter, Erin, grows award-winning orchids.

> ***Cathy Haringer Christiansen '70 went to law school at age 40. She makes gingerbread houses for competition and has been ranked in the top 10 nationally.***

Jeanine, roomie **Anne Witham Kilpatrick**, and suitemates **Carolyn "Suzy" Bender Winterble** and **Toni Turner Bruseth** planned to gather in September at Suzy's home on the Chesapeake Bay near Yorktown, Va., to celebrate Toni's retirement. Toni has worked for the Texas Historical Commission in Austin for many years. Her husband, Jim, is an archeologist there and a published author. Together, they wrote the book *From a Watery Grave* about the discovery of a French ship, *LaBelle*, in the Gulf of Mexico.

Patti Boise Kemp of Fredericksburg serves on the executive committee of the Alumni Board. She sent the following: **Linda Gattis Shull** had reverse socket shoulder replacement. It seems Florence Nightingale – a.k.a. **Christie Wineholt** – swooped in to help during Linda's first week home. Linda said she was a godsend. **Barbara Burton Micou** signed her retirement papers but will work one more year for Chesterfield County. **Pat Akers** is semi-retired, doing workshops, and consulting. She enjoys her Oak Island, N.C., beach house. She planned to travel to Virginia in August for her high school reunion.

Donna Cannon Julian and husband Gene went to Germany and Italy in July. They attended the Oberammergau *Passion Play* and visited the Italian Alps and Venice. Donna's senior suite is trying to keep up the momentum of last year's mini reunion: **CeCe Smith Riffer** and **Ann Simpson Brackett** joined Donna at her Lewes, Del., beach house in June. Unfortunately, **Lyn Howell Gray** wasn't able to attend, though she was in the U.S. from Liberia earlier this year, preparing for a new job there.

Jean Polk Hanky attended the July ribbon cutting and reception for Phase I of UMW Eagle Village, where the Park & Shop shopping center once was. Patti Boise Kemp, **Jane Jackson Woerner**, and **Connie Hinson** also attended. Jane lives in Florida, but was visiting friends and family in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Phase I of Eagle Village includes a new student residence hall, a parking deck, and a mixed use retail/office complex; eventually the whole shopping center will be revamped. The residence hall, Eagle Landing, is lovely, Jean said, with suites of two bedrooms accommodating two people each, a kitchen in between with breakfast bar and living room area, and two bathrooms. A new pedestrian bridge across Route 1 connects Eagle Village to campus and provides a gorgeous gateway to the University. The Anderson Convocation Center should open in 2011. Randolph and Mason residence halls and Monroe Hall are being completely renovated. We will have a lot to see when we all return to campus for our 45th reunion in 2014!

I took my three daughters on a cruise in May. We started in Istanbul and ended up in Venice. The highlights were Santorini, Mykonos, Olympia, Ephesus, and Dubrovnik. We had a ball and want to do it again in a few years.

That's all for this issue. I hope everyone had a good summer.

I know I write about many of the same people; that's because they let me know what is going on in their lives. I hope more of you will do the same. Everything you do is important, and we want to hear about it!

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Our 40th class reunion was a blast, if a bit toasty weather-wise. On behalf of our class, I would like to thank **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos** and her band of volunteers for planning our reunion gathering. The opening reception at Lee Hall was very nice with delicious hors d'oeuvres. Our class gathering followed at Kalnen Inn, part of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. The Inn is the restored Trench Hill Residence Hall. We enjoyed a lovely buffet dinner and had quality time to become reacquainted with our classmates. **Dory Potter Teipel '71** and **Mary Anne Burns '71** attended our gathering because they have lots of friends in our class. Mary Anne kindly provided era-appropriate music.

Saturday was a full day of activities starting with breakfast at Seacobeck, lectures, tours, a wonderful picnic lunch at Palmieri Plaza in front of Monroe Hall (currently being renovated) and ending with a delicious dinner at Woodard Campus Center and Dessert Under the Stars back at Palmieri Plaza. It was wonderful to see so many husbands in attendance. My husband, Ted, had plenty of male companionship.

Marion Moncure has retired from teaching, but she continues to be employed as a tutor, substitute teacher, and restaurant worker. Her daughter, Torrey, graduated from Appalachian State University in 2008, married a fellow graduate in 2009, and now lives in Lenoir, N.C. Her elder daughter, Kate, 26, is enjoying life in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands; and her son, Thomas, 18, graduated from high school in June. **Ann Barr Butler** is a retired social worker and lives in Flagler County, Fla., with her husband of 40 years, John. Ann enjoys volunteering in her community and traveling with John.

Donna King **Tomb** has been married to her husband, Don, for 25 years and they reside in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Both are retired English teachers and do occasional freelance writing. Their daughter, **Jennifer Tomb '99**, and her husband live outside of Richmond, Va., with their two children, William and Maddie. Their son, Daniel, 24, lives in Washington, D.C. **Ellen Smythe Grosskurth** lives in North Wales, Pa., outside of Philadelphia. A mother of two, Veronica and Alexander, she teaches ESL in elementary school and community college. **Janet Moore Ross** has lived in Williamsburg, Va., for 25 years and has two daughters. She worked at the National Institutes of Health after graduation and received her Ph.D. in genetics from George Washington University. Janet studied human retroviruses (like HIV) while at NIH and then transferred to SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. She has taught medical school and graduate school. **Terry O'Neil Sanders** is a retired antiques dealer and lives on a farm in Powhatan, Va., with her husband of 26 years, Don. They have three children. Terry likes to garden, travel, cook, and do handcrafts.

Pat Piermatti of Clifton, N.J., retired in 2008 after 37 years as a pharmaceutical science librarian for Rutgers University Libraries. She likes to travel and has visited western Europe, Greece, Turkey, the Middle East, Russia, and Egypt. In 2005 and 2009, Pat hiked the 8,000-foot Mount Sinai. **Karen Stifft Carroll** retired in 2008 from her job as an educator for the hearing impaired. She has three sons and one granddaughter. She lives in Roanoke and keeps busy renovating her home. **Francie Cone Caldwell** is director of development for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and has two daughters. She lives in Richmond, and likes to travel, knit, read, and hang out with friends.

Doralece Lipoli Dullaghan and her husband, William, have lived in Virginia Beach for five years. She has two stepsons, five granddaughters, and another grandchild on the way. Doralece is director of strategic partnerships for Sur La Table and manages their branded cookbooks and their culinary travel program. **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos** has worked at Airlines Reporting Corp. for 37 years and enjoys it so much she has no plans for retirement. She volunteers at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Her son, Jack, graduated from VCU in June 2010, and her daughter, Demi, is a junior at Virginia Tech.

Laurie King Myse and her husband, Bob – both retired – divide their time between their homes in King George, Va., and Venice, Fla. They have three daughters and seven grandchildren. Laurie was an instructional supervisor for Spotsylvania Schools. She takes art classes and plays bridge, and she was planning a trip to Paris in October with one of her daughters. **Susi Duffey DiMaina** lives in Annandale, Va., and has a daughter who is a junior at Holy Cross. Her husband, John, works at the International Monetary Fund. Susi helps test coordinators at the high school near her home. **Barbara Bingley** lives in Oakton, Va., and works for General Dynamics as a contracts manager. **Karen Anderson Muszynski** lives in Frederick, Md., and works for the National Cancer Institute. She has a 27-year-old son and a 25-year-old daughter. Karen, Susi DiMaina, Karen Carroll, Francie Caldwell, Laurie Myse, and Barbara Bingley held a mini-reunion after Reunion Weekend at Karen's vacation home in Montross, Va.

> ***Annapolis, Md., proved to be the perfect setting for a mini-reunion in June of several members of the Class of 1974 who lived on Jefferson Fourth West.***

Susan Wagner Lacy is married to Halsted Welles, a landscape architect. They live in Manhattan and have two daughters. One is an agent at ICM in Los Angeles putting together independent movies and the other daughter is a documentary maker in NYC. Susan received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Cines for her work on her *American Masters* series on PBS, which received the Outstanding Documentary Series Prime Time Emmy seven out of the last 10 years. **Marion Blakey** lives in Chevy Chase, Md., and is the President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association. Her daughter graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Her husband, Bill Dooley, is an ER physician. In March 2010, Marion and her husband traveled for two weeks with Susan Lacy and her husband through Bhutan, Cambodia, where they visited Angkor Wat, and Bangkok.

Cathy Haringer Christiansen of Gainesville, Va., who has two children and three grandchildren, went to law school at age 40. She makes gingerbread houses for competition and has been ranked in the top 10 nationally. In 2007, her gingerbread house was featured on *Good Morning America*. **Susan Johnson Gillette** works as a librarian in a prison for geriatric inmates. She lives in Capron, Va., with her husband, William, and spends time gardening. William Gillette works with **Martha Carter Applewhite**'s husband, Allen, in agribusiness at the Department of Corrections. The Applewhites live in Cortland, Va.; they have three sons and three grandchildren.

> ***Jan Hausrath Seddelmeyer '75 works at APCO Worldwide, traveling the globe for her clients in the renewable energy and chemical industries.***

Candy Whitmer Collmer of Ithaca, N.Y., works as a professor of biology at Wells College. Her son, Alex, 35, is an entrepreneur in Manhattan he has two sons, Jack and Max. Candy's daughter, April, 32, is a social worker in Chapel Hill, N.C. Candy and her husband, Alan, have been married for 38 years. **Adele Goss Shotwell** and her husband, Alan, have lived in Rapidan, Va., since her husband retired from the Navy 19 years ago. They have four children and three grandsons. Adele has been with H&R Block for 22 years. Both of their sons work for Sony, one in Wisconsin and the other in Tokyo.

Jane McKenzie Cutchins lives in Richmond with her husband of 39 years, Cliff. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Jane is retired from her job in computer programming. **Bettie Brooks Reuter** lives in Sarasota, Fla., but also spends time at her home in Williamsburg. She works as a career counselor and likes to play golf and go kayaking. **Deb White Orsi** lives in Richmond and retired after 32 years from the medical field. She worked for three years for a law firm, where she was known as the "Director of First Impressions." Deb has three stepdaughters and one granddaughter and likes taking classes at VCU for fun.

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and her husband, Bob, recently moved to Williamsburg, Va., and Ellen has relocated her parents to the same area to keep a closer watch over them. One of their sons and his family live near Fredericksburg, and our reunion gave them another opportunity to visit. Retiree **Lee Howland Hogan** of Bedminster, N.J., is enjoying working as a part-time travel agent. Lee has recently made trips to Florida and Las Vegas. This spring, she took a riverboat cruise down the Danube to the Black Sea, visiting Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, and Slovakia. She also visited Los Angeles with her daughter and her husband. Lee has two grandchildren.

Tina Kormanski Krause works as a K-3 librarian at the Potomac School in McLean. She has one granddaughter, courtesy of her eldest daughter. Her youngest daughter graduated from Darden, UVA's business school. Tina and her husband, Paul, enjoy trips to Kiawah, S.C., where they hope to retire. **Gabby Pagin** lives in Oakton, Va., where she works in a community and outreach position at the National Child Support Program. Gabby is an avid bicyclist and did a Century bike ride benefit for multiple sclerosis.

Dinah McGuire Douglas retired on July 30. Her daughter, who is married to an Italian, was expecting around the time of our reunion. So, Dinah was in Italy awaiting the birth of her second grandchild, a boy to be named Edoardo. Dinah was planning to move to Lynchburg. **Jean Burgess Botts** retired to Charlottesville and has a part-time job supervising Longwood University student teachers. Jean and her husband, Steve, are active in environmental concerns/projects, and they enjoy kayaking, hiking and traveling. Their daughter, Molly, was married in May. **Adrienne Whyte** lives in Falls Church where she has owned a management consulting company for 20 years. In 2004, she went to work at Fannie Mae and has now started a blog about beauty.

Judy Wiener Winters lives on a lake in Lynch Station, Va. Now retired, she spent two weeks earlier this year traveling through Switzerland and Italy, notably visiting Rome, Florence, Pisa, Pompeii, Sorrento, Venice and the Isle of Capri. **Lynne Royston Wine** lives in Middleburg, Va., and retired from teaching second grade after 34 years. Her family was in the funeral home business, and Lynne reminisced about taking some fake grave grass from the funeral home to use for the base of the cherry trees for our Ring Dance decorations junior year. In the summer of 2009, **Betty Hughes Balo** traveled with Lynne to Mount Hood, Ore., to visit **Linda McNaughton '69**, whose home is surrounded by a pear orchard with gorgeous views of Mount Hood. Betty and Lynne then traveled to Napa, Calif., and did some wine tasting all along the Silverado trail. They took the ferry over to San Francisco, rode the cable cars, had hot chocolate at Ghirardelli's and thoroughly enjoyed the city. Lynne joined Betty again on another road trip after our reunion. They drove to Matthews, N.C., on an errand for one of Betty's friends, then drove to Kents Store, Va., to check on some property that Betty owns. Lynne and Betty visited some of Betty's family there, traveled to Natural Bridge and Lexington, where they visited more of Betty's family and ended up in Middleburg, Va., where Lynne lives. Betty then headed to the suburbs of Chicago to visit her daughter and her family. There, she planted some trees, did some furniture restoration, and enjoyed playing with her granddaughter. Betty's other daughter and her husband have purchased land in the mountains of California. Betty continues to work for H&R Block.

Mimi Webb Stout lives in Mason Neck in Fairfax County, Va., with her husband of 38 years, Ted. He is a defense contractor, and she works at the Army Civilian University. Mimi also teaches online in a mentorship program to help others learn how to write dissertations. **Peggy Hall Brown** and her husband, Jerry, have lived near Fredericksburg since 1980. She has enjoyed attending many concerts, plays, and lectures at UMW over the years. Peggy retired from the Navy as a research civilian with 35 years in computer programming and program management. She and Jerry are active in their church, the YMCA, gardening and looking after

Alumna Soars through Air Force Ranks

Teresa "Terry" Hudachek Djuric '83 calls the world her hometown. A self-described "Army brat," she found Mary Washington to be a place she could finally establish roots – strong roots that still endure.

Motivated by her father, Maj. Gen. John Hudachek, Djuric decided early on to pursue a military career. After graduating from Mary Washington with a degree in computer science, she joined the United States Air Force and received her commission as second lieutenant upon completing officer training school. "My professors at Mary Washington supported my interest in a military career," Djuric said. "Every professor I had challenged me to excel in my studies. Every class I took put me on the path to achievement."

She went on to pursue two master's degrees – one in curriculum and instruction from the University of Colorado and the other from the Army War College in strategic studies. Djuric has operated space systems at the North American Aerospace Defense Command, three space wings, and headquarters of the 14th Air Force. She has served on staffs at the Air Force Personnel Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and Air Force headquarters.

Today, Brig. Gen. Djuric is stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, where she serves as commander of the Jean M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development. In that role, she coordinates training nationwide for high school cadets in Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, university students in Air Force ROTC, and cadets enrolled in Officer Training School. Key to her command is her focus on opportunities to improve the futures of the men and women who dedicate their careers to service in the Air Force.

Djuric met her husband, Warren, when she was stationed in Australia. They have two children – Hayden, a freshman at the University of Alabama and an Air Force ROTC cadet, and Hayley, a high school senior at a competitive academic magnet program. "My family has made many sacrifices to help me continue in my Air Force career," Djuric said.

Terry Hudachek Djuric knew from her Mary Washington days that she wanted to pursue a military career.

For the Hudacheks, Mary Washington was a family affair – something that made Djuric's mother proud. Djuric and her sisters, **Mary Hudachek-Boswell '80** and **Susan M. Hudachek '84**, established the Anne Hudachek Scholarship Fund to assist computer science students at Mary Washington. Both parents died this year, Anne Hudachek in February and John Hudachek in September.

Djuric credits the academic rigor and faculty leadership at Mary Washington with preparing her to assume and succeed in such diverse military commands. "Mary Washington provided an outstanding environment for learning, living, and working," she said. "I held myself accountable to do my best."

Extracurricular activities also helped mold her, Djuric said. A four-year member of the varsity track team, she remembered the inspiring leadership of coach Tom Davies. "With his guidance, my teammates and I achieved All-American status in the 4-x-800 meter event."

The awards have continued. Among other recognitions, Brig. Gen. Djuric has received the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal, all for outstanding and meritorious military service. "Mary Washington gave me my leadership skills," she said. And her career has given her the chance to use them. "I'm an Airman who has been given tremendous opportunities to lead and continue to lead."

– Carol Pappas Bartold '75

her elderly father in Richmond. They both love to travel around Virginia and to the Caribbean and Europe and recently returned from an 18-day trip to the Channel Islands and northern France. They especially enjoyed Scotland, England, and France.

Jeryle Lynn Hammes Rayher and her husband, Carl, have lived in the Roanoke area since 1973. Carl is retired from the Veterans Department and Lynn has worked for Allstate Insurance since 1972. Their oldest son, Ken, was married last fall and lives in Richmond, Va., where he and his wife both graduated from VCU. Their youngest son, David, is a senior at Virginia Tech. **Pat Houston Warnock** lives in Wyckoff, N.J., and is a retired computer analyst. She likes to ski and play golf. Pat was on the synchronized swimming team (the Terrapins) with **Dinah McGuire Douglas** and **Jeryle Lynn Rayher**. Pat, Mimi Stout, Peggy Brown, Lynne Wine, Judy Winters, and Betty Balo had a great time staying together for the reunion at the Kenmore Inn in Fredericksburg.

Valerie Fletcher Wiggins lives in Hopewell Junction, N.Y., and retired last year. She has two sisters and a nephew who went to UMW. **Linda Bohlander Dickerson** lives in Waynesboro, Va., and teaches the Bible in school, directs after-school programs for an elementary school, and substitute teaches there. During the summer she directs the Parks and Recreation Kids Camp, which has six staff members and 50 campers. Linda has a son who is a CPA and a daughter who is a musician and a clogger.

Rochele "Betty" Stansell Hirsch is contemplating relocation to Seattle from Atlanta. **Joyce Burcham** is back in the U.S. after spending the last two years in Europe and Australia. Last July, she spent two weeks in Martha's Vineyard playing golf. On Saturday evening of our Reunion weekend, Joyce showed off her culinary skills acquired at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris in 2006 by cooking a grand gourmet dinner at Professor Emeritus Bulent Atalay's house for Dr. Atalay, his family, Dr. Nikolic, his family, and some of the other physics majors. **Jan Sullivan** served as the bartender, and Rochele Hirsch assisted Joyce in the kitchen. **Maria Vlattas** was to have been the sous chef, but she was sick and unable to attend. **Mary Pat O'Donnell Wiegard** splits her time between Oakton, Va., and Roanoke, Va. She and her husband, Michael, have been married for 37 years and have three granddaughters and another one on the way. Mary Pat started a Charlotte Mason school in 1999 called Ambleside School. Her passion is education, and she also mentors women. **Suzanne Ferguson Buchanan** lives in Rocky Mount, N.C., with her husband of 40 years, Bill. They have two children and two grandchildren. Suzanne works in the wellness department of a hospital.

Lucia Smithey Bushway and her husband, Jeff, live in Pensacola, Fla., where she teaches mathematics at the University of West Florida and serves as the department undergraduate advisor. They have two daughters: Karen married in 2007 and lives in Panama City, Fla., and Suzanne married in 2006 and lives in Pensacola. Lucia and Jeff have one granddaughter, Natalie, born on New Year's Day 2009. Lucia has been honing her photography skills and babysitting her granddaughter.

***Vicki Geis Mumford '77 enjoyed returning to campus this past spring to see her son, Peter Mumford '13, perform as one of the leads in UMW's* Romeo and Juliet.**

Helen Kim and her husband, Stephen Barnes, have been married for 14 years and live in Homewood, Ala. They are both employed at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the School of Medicine Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. This was the first reunion that Helen has attended. Her husband and my husband, Ted, really bonded during the weekend.

Last March, Ted and I spent a couple of days at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., to attend the grand opening of Antler Hill Village, a new shopping and restaurant area near the Biltmore Winery. In April, we traveled to northern Virginia to visit Ted's oldest son, Greg, his daughter, and their families. While there, we also attended Ted's reunion with folks he worked with more than 40 years ago at the National Photographic Interpretation Center. In July, we were back in Virginia to attend a surprise 40th birthday picnic for Greg. We had a great time visiting with the family and having some quality time with our grandchildren.

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Hello from hot and humid Baltimore. My hope is that everyone is staying cool wherever you are. Dennis and I just returned from an idyllic week on Lake Champlain and, understandably, it was difficult to come back. Our rental was a few feet from the lake and the Champlain Islands were enchanting to explore. There is just no end to the unspoiled beauty in that part of the world. We enjoyed the town of Burlington as well as Stowe, Waterbury, the Trapp Family Lodge, and the Shelburne Museum. It was a wonderful place to celebrate a milestone wedding anniversary and we probably overindulged in the fine cuisine of the region. Needless to say, we hope to go back soon.

In April, the two of us enjoyed an interesting and fun-filled weekend with Dave and **Cheryl Prietz Childress**. We had been intrigued by their stories of Colonial re-enactments, and one took place close to Baltimore at Fort Frederick. The four of us had a fine time, enjoying meals and catching up on news. It was not hard to see why so many are eager to be a part of American history. Taking a tour through the camp and the market, we were transported back in time to more than 250 years ago. Cheryl and Dave have a small business called Blue Cat Buttonworks through which they sell period-style buttons and other items used in the Colonial era. The two looked so authentic in costume. Cheryl has become quite accomplished with her creations. Their plans continued full tilt for daughter Thea's wedding in September.

My position with Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin and Gibber continues to go well; being close to the Inner Harbor suits me fine. It is a pleasure learning something new every day, and the people are great.

I still made time to create a costume for Baltimore's annual Honfest. However, this year I chose not to compete. Upon leaving the first day, who should I bump into but **Cindy Snyder '75**. She had wanted to see this event and came with several family members. Who'd have thought we've have that kind of a reunion? They all had a good time and it was great to see another alumna.

That is about it for this issue. Please send me your news. Again, it has been terrific reacquainting with so many of you.

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Class of 1974, we know you are out there doing great and exciting things; we want to hear about them more often than every five years at our reunions. Here is a great idea we received from **Patricia "Patti" Goodall Strawderman** and **Peg Hubbard**: Annapolis, Md., proved to be the perfect setting for a mini-reunion of several Jefferson Fourth West classmates in June. **Jonette DeButts Hahn**'s beautiful waterfront townhome served as "Reunion Central" for a wonderful weekend. Jonette hosted Patti, her first year Willard roommate, and Carol Flaherty (along with Elvis, her rescue English bulldog); there was plenty of room for everyone in the four-story townhouse (with an elevator!). Peg, **Karen Sunnarborg**, **Jeane Baughan Stone**, and **Sue Tyler Maguigan** were there for the festivities. **Nancy Pederson Trczinski** and **Lisa Tyree Sweeney** had planned to come, but unfortunately couldn't make it this year.

The weekend began on Friday evening with cocktails on the deck overlooking the marina – with the Naval Academy in full view! That brings back memories for some Mary Wash girls! Jonette and her life partner, George, had prepared a terrific dinner for us, after which we headed out to a piano bar downtown (did we mention that Annapolis is within walking distance?) We had a blast, hounding

the piano player to play our favorite songs from the '60s and '70s; he was quite obliging!

Karen and Peg attended an early morning yoga class that was "good for them" while Patti, Susan, Carol, and Jeane enjoyed massages, and others shopped in downtown Annapolis. Several in the group stopped by **Leslie Tilghman**'s jewelry shop and chatted with her briefly. Patti did a "deep relaxation" exercise with everyone (complete with candles and eye pillows!) before we all headed out to dinner at Cantler's for some serious crab pickin' – everyone was elbows deep in crab shells by dinner's end!

Sunday was a whirl of activity, as some folks had to leave early, while a small group of us met at the Marriott Waterside for a farewell brunch. Among the goodbyes and tears, we made plans for next year's get-together. At our 35th Mary Washington reunion, we talked about getting together once a year, instead of every five years. Everyone was enthusiastic and we settled on Annapolis as the site of our first "mini-reunion."

Oh, a side benefit to our gathering – we got in touch with **Ginny Eisenmann Labusohr** after all these years! Ginny is working at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y. She is married to Peter Labushor, living on Long Island, and busy with the New York State Nurses Association. We were thrilled to find her and hope she will join us next year.

Many thanks to Jonette and George, who were such lovely and thoughtful hosts. Jonette wanted us to add: "The thanks really go to all who took the time and effort to travel to Annapolis and spend the weekend together. It was a fabulous MWC time for all!"

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Faith Geibel Moore and her husband, Robert, live in eastern North Carolina. After Faith was laid off from her community college job, she began to volunteer at Tryon Palace, an 18th-century state historic site in New Bern that includes a building, gardens, and outer buildings. Faith says this suits her very well, she uses her history major by giving tours. Faith writes that it is great fun and rewarding to help a state agency that has suffered layoffs. Faith also teaches a community water aerobics class 3 to 4 days a week in the summer. Faith's exciting news is that she became a first-time grandmother this past May when her daughter, Lauren, and her husband, **Brandon Robinson '02**, had a beautiful girl named Ella. Faith was able to be there right after Ella was born, and she hopes to continue going back to Alexandria, Va., as often as she can to see Ella. Faith's son, Jeff, lives in South Lake Tahoe and loves it. Faith and Robert celebrated their 25th anniversary this past July.

> ***Steven Carroll Whitaker '77 danced with the Connecticut Ballet in its* Nutcracker. *He danced along with principals from the American Ballet Theatre and a company of professional dancers from New York.***

Jan Hausrath Seddelmeyer, her husband, David, and their daughter, Jinny, spent spring break in London visiting with Jan's niece, Laura Zobel, while also seeing many of the city's most fabled sites – from the Tower of London to the London Eye! Jinny fell in love with afternoon tea and the West End production of *Wicked*. Jan's sister, **Jill Hausrath Zobel '71**, visited with Jan and her family this past June when Jill and her husband, Konrad, came from Vienna, Austria, for a month-long stateside visit. Jan works at APCO Worldwide, traveling the globe for her clients in the renewable energy and chemical industries, although she does look forward to retirement one of these days! While she didn't attend our class's 35th reunion weekend this past June, Jan has been in touch with **Karen Lebo** and others via Facebook. Jan sends good wishes to all her old friends and acquaintances who attended the 2010 Reunion Weekend.

Joanne Rehm continues to be very happy with the decision to move to the Raleigh area where she has a less stressful life than in D.C. Although not lucky enough to retire at this point, Joanne loves her job, she gets more beach time, and she has a wonderful circle of friends. She very much enjoyed spending the weekend at U.Va. in mid-May watching her son, Grant, graduate. Grant was employed at U.Va. through the summer until the Class of 2014 rolled in. At our 25th UMW reunion, Joanne had post-chemotherapy and spiky gray hair. At our class's 35th reunion, Joanne celebrated 10 years being cancer-free!

Marybeth Moore Coya lost her husband, Steve, in June 2009 after 29 years of marriage. Marybeth keeps busy with her work as vice president of public and government affairs for the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, where she has worked for more than 23 years. Marybeth said, "Thanks to everyone who provided news for this issue. It's always a lot of fun to hear how people are doing."

Maureen Argo Marks wrote that her youngest child, Daniel, graduated from high school this past June. Since Daniel's graduation was at the beginning of our 35th reunion, Maureen could not attend, so she's looking forward to the 40th reunion. This spring, Maureen and her husband, Bob, visited their daughter, Ellen, in Malaga, Spain, where she teaches English. Maureen said she really enjoyed the festivals they have there with processions every hour of the day for a week. Maureen and Bob went to Prague for three days as well. Maureen is still working for Kaiser and working a lot, but she's able to get away often, too. Maureen's oldest child, Chris, teaches at West Point, so Maureen goes to visit him – and her two grandchildren – as often as she can, with at least three visits this past year. Maureen visited Chris at West Point last July, and then she and her family went on an Alaskan cruise the first week of August. Maureen is still an avid ocean swimmer.

Jacalyn Ewansky Bryan enjoyed the first year of her new career as assistant professor/reference and instructional services librarian at Saint Leo University near Tampa, Fla., where her husband, Rich, has been a professor of psychology for 30 years. Jackie was formerly a dance professor at Saint Leo, and also taught at Keuka College, the University of South Florida, and the University of Tampa. Her older son, Richie, graduated from the University of Central Florida last May with a BFA in graphic design and a BA in advertising/public relations. Jackie's younger son, Eric, has begun his junior year at the University of Florida, majoring in biology. Jackie and her family took a trip to Italy last summer and visited Rome, Florence, and Venice. Jackie said it was a great experience!

Carol Pappas Bartold had a wonderful time at our class's 35th reunion. After returning to her home in Bronxville, N.Y. Carol worked full time at Sarah Lawrence College through the end of the summer. As of mid-July, Carol had lined up some writing-for-hire jobs, and she was pleasantly surprised at how well that was going. At a summer writers' workshop, Carol got to work with Vivian Gornick, one of her favorite authors. It was just the jump-start Carol needed to begin turning her master's thesis into a book. She had taken some time off after graduating this past spring with a master of fine arts degree.

As mentioned above by several of our classmates, we had a *mah-velous* 35th reunion this past June. It was wonderful to see everyone and to catch up on all the comings and goings, especially with **Lina Scott Woodall** and her husband, John. I want to give a big "thank you!" to **Lina** and **Karen Lebo** who chaired our class's gift committee, and to **Diane Hickman MacKnight** who served as our 35th Reunion Weekend coordinator. Another big "thank you!" goes to our own indefatigable **Cindy Snyder** on the UMW staff who seemed to be everywhere at once, making sure the 2010 Reunion Weekend went smoothly for all the reunion classes, including ours. On a final 2010 Reunion Weekend note, if it's not already up and running, I'm working on a central site where we can post everyone's reunion pictures to share with the entire class. Thanks to everyone who contributed news for this issue. Keep it coming!

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Kim Contini continues to teach the kindergarten enrichment program for Boulder Valley Schools in Colorado and loves it! Many of her science topics bring back wonderful memories of those fun days at Mary Wash pursuing a biology degree and

making such great friends. She is still in contact with fellow classmate **Karen Falk Sawyer** and hoped to see her this fall. Last year, **Richard Arline** was elected to a three-year term on the Franklin Township school board in Somerset, N.J. He also served as vice president his first year on the board. Richard completed courses for his master of divinity degree at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. This past January, he was licensed as a minister in Somerset Baptist Church in Somerset. In addition, he is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Somerset County, the general election taking place in November. Best of luck to you, Richard!

> *Gayle Weinberger Petro '79 is in the process of writing a book called* Men-on-Pause: A Survival Guide for Dating in your 50s.

Janice Wenning is retired from the large corporate environmental world and enjoying life with husband Brad Stewart and dog Guinness in their home in Berkeley, Calif. An avid traveler, she and Brad make annual trips to Belize in the winter, and they were in Italy and Switzerland this spring. A scuba diving trip is planned to Bali, Indonesia, for the fall of 2010. Regular trips to the family farm in Virginia keep Janice in touch with friends on the East Coast. She connected with **Carol Yancey Orlando**, who is doing very well (a proud grandma to two little girls) and working with Lockheed-Martin. Janice keeps her fingers in the environmental consulting business by doing some part-time consulting to small businesses and is also starting up a home-based luxury linens business.

Karren Mann is running her own computer consulting company. She is the assistant field hockey coach at Randolph Macon College and has two new new babies, both West Highland terriers. **Kathye Geary** and husband John enjoy living on Mill Creek near Annapolis. They often welcome out-of-town guests and in May hosted a surprise party in honor of her mother's 80th birthday. John is president of Systems Engineering Group in Columbia, Md., and Kathye stays busy with volunteer work, gardening, and photography. Son Rob is an electrical engineer with Raytheon in Boston, and daughter Meredith is a meeting planner for NDIA, a large association in the national defense industry. This past summer, Kathye hosted a mini-reunion for several MWC classmates, **Dana Grobicki**, **Lisa Wu**, **Jane McGehee**, **Alison Wood**, **Kathy Hartman**, and **Jody Amberly**.

Yvette Pentecost Spangler and husband Delmore live in Salem, Va. They have two children, Matt (28) and Sarah (21), both of whom are full-time students. Sarah is the UMW Honor Council president for the upcoming year, and will graduate from UMW in 2011! Yvette really enjoyed visiting Sarah at school which brought back so many memories. The campus is still beautiful with many positive changes. Yvette has worked at the Salem Virginia Medical Center for the last 28-plus years and currently manages the clinical laboratory.

Enjoying her first summer off as a teacher, **Kathleen Williams Pyrce** learned to relax and smell the roses and had a nice trip with daughter Mariah to NYC and Buffalo. At age 54, she has cultivated her first successful garden and can now say she's eaten tomatoes and squash *she* grew. Kathleen saw **Jo Ellen McTague Atkinson** in Atlanta in the spring and says she looks exactly the same as she did 30 years ago (30 years?!) They enjoyed remembering the MWC drama days. Kathleen noted that she is healthy, employed, happy, and has a wonderful daughter who brings her joy! It doesn't get any better than that! **Vicki Geis Mumford** had a surreal experience in that her son, Peter Mumford, was one of the leads in UMW's *Romeo and Juliet* this past spring. Vicki wrote it was very strange to be in the spectator section of Klein Theatre! Peter will graduate from UMW in 2013.

Steven Carroll Whitaker, father of two lovely girls, Alexandra and Anne Marie (ages 11 and 7), is doing well in New Canaan, Conn. He returned to the theater after many years away, all of it culminating with dancing with the Connecticut Ballet in their seasonal *Nutcracker*. He danced along with principals from the American Ballet Theatre and a company of wonderful professional dancers from New York – and got paid, too! Steve has made great connections via Facebook with lots of "old" friends from MWC. He had two wonderful get-togethers in NYC – with **Susan Hansult Jennings** in December and with **Vicki Sprague Church** in late May. He also finally got to meet Vicki's roommate from MWC, **Skippy Strickland.** Steve looks forward to reconnecting with more MWC pals via Facebook and to having more mini-reunions in NYC. **Sally Curtis Wimberley '80** also wrote about MWCers (mainly from the theater department classes of 1977-82) reconnecting via Facebook. Sally is always looking for theater majors who want to be in touch; she lives in Woodbridge, Va., with husband Steve.

As for me, **Mary Byrd**, I was in Virginia in May and met up with **Sarah DeWitt**, **Emily Cole**, and **Susan Stribling Burry** for lunch in downtown Fredericksburg on William Street. It was great to catch up on our old stomping grounds! Here on my new home turf, Rob Hall and I are settling down in Twisp, Wash. In July, Rob passed the Washington Police Academy exam and can now continue the business of serving the community as Twisp's Chief of Police. I have started teaching yoga at a local studio and will be working with the Methow Valley Community Preparedness Committee in an outreach capacity. This new group has been formed to prepare citizens to meet basic needs in the face of unforeseen economic, energy, or environmental disruptions and to re-localize and strengthen our valley's economy. It is a brand new life for both of us and so wonderful to breathe this wonderful air daily! We are grateful for each day together and are both learning all we don't know with Calvin, our four-year-old boxer mix.

Please continue to send me your news, and I will make sure it sees print when the next issue comes due.

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Thanks to those who sent in class news, especially **Gayle Weinberger Petro**, who was a wealth of information as always. She wrote that she went to see **Rick Graham** on the Fourth of July at his home in Catharpin, Va., and had a great time. Rick lives on a beautiful farm where his wife, Mary, teaches horseback riding. Gayle noted that Rick picked her up at his gravel parking lot in a Jeep and drove her to his pavilion where the picnic took place. Rick's daughter is a junior at Mary Washington.

My former roommate, **Lisa Carle Shields**, the dashing redhead of our three-girl room in Russell and Framar, has a son, Jonathan, who graduated from UMW this past May. Lisa works for SunTrust Bank. Wild and crazy Gayle Petro said that she and Lisa went to Bill Crawley's retirement party in May and had a wonderful time. Gayle noted that **Judy Kemp Allard,** the live wire who kept our three-girl room hopping with her great Motown collection, is busy with wedding plans for her daughter, Melanie. Gayle also reported that **Lisa Bratton Soltis** continues her marketing job in Roanoke and is doing well. She went with her daughter, Jennifer, and **Donna Anaya** to California in May.

Gayle will be on the UMW Alumni Board for another two years. Good news for all of us and thanks to Gayle for continuing to bring her enthusiasm to that role. She says that she really enjoys it. And among all that, including teaching sixth grade in Fairfax County, Gayle is in the process of writing a book called *Men-on-Pause: A Survival Guide for Dating in your 50s.*

Dianne Naoroz Douglass wrote that she is still living in Annandale and working in Fairfax for a career transition organization. She has been married for 27 years to Michael. Their oldest is currently at Georgetown Law, while their "baby" is at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Carol Middlebrook wrote, "Not a lot of news for me, but I did visit with **Lisa Jenkins** when my husband John and I went to NYC in May to celebrate our anniversary. I also plan to see **Carolyn Bess Pantzer** in mid-July, and John and I are traveling to Norway at the end of July for a hiking vacation in the fjords."

As for me, I'm still working for Fairfax County Government as manager of organizational development and training. I get to work with fellow Class of 1979er **Mary Regan McMahon**, whose oldest son, Sean, just completed

is first year of college, as did my
on, Doug. I also get together with
atima Allibhai Khaja '80 for lunch
; she also works for the county, as
oes **Carolyn Bess Pantzer**.

To the rest of you, please take a
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niversity. Their younger son is a
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nd tennis – and he won the school
ubik's cube competition!

Katherine Farmer is as a
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fficer. Her sons, 18, graduated from
gh school. One planned to leave
r the Marine Corps in August,
nd the other planned to attend J. S.
eynolds Community College.

Elizabeth Sullivan is involved in fundraising for the local hospital. Son Patrick graduated from high school and planned to attend Wake Forest University. Her oldest lives on Cape Cod in a group home for young adults with special needs, and her daughter is a sophomore in high school. Husband John practices dentistry in Alexandria.

Anne Rivello Darron lives in Fredericksburg and makes regular visits to Carl's on everyone's behalf. Her older boys are attending VCU and share an apartment. The youngest is in his last year of middle school. Husband Carl commutes to Washington, D.C.

Terry Lehman Eliason and husband Bill live outside Hartford, Conn. Their oldest child, Katie, is a ballerina in Nashville, Tenn. Son Will works and goes to community college in the culinary arts program. Their youngest, Sara, is a high school senior and a year-round soccer player who would like to play in college. Bill is a biochemist at Yale University, where his boss won the Nobel Prize for chemistry this year, which was very exciting.

After Cleveland and Reno, Nev., **Susan Jones Hollister** has been back in Richmond for more than 10 years in the fixed-income department at a Richmond-based firm. She took her oldest niece, Eliza, to London for her college graduation gift. They had a blast and are already talking about returning. Susan is the godmother of **Estie Corey Thomas**'s son, Clay, and she and Estie are in touch. Also, Susan said that **Scott Harris** works at the VMI Hall of Valor Museum in New Market, Va., where he is the boss of Susan's brother-in-law.

Monica Cashin married Bill Howard, a wonderful chef, on June 12 on Pleasant Lake in New London, N.H., where they now live. Bill's mother grew up in Great Bridge, Va. In May, Monica received her master's degree in special education and was looking for a high school special education position. Daughter Kylene, 17, was looking at colleges; she wants to study art. Son Shayne, 14, is an avid skier and hockey player.

Susan Bancroft Leavitt made the trek north for Monica and Bill's wedding. She enjoyed a biking vacation in Quebec in early August.

Beth Padgett lives in Corpus Christi, Texas, and loves her home-based spa business helping women learn to relax and take care of their skin. Her children are Macy, nearly 6, and Wes, almost 4. She is married to a great man who is an assistant district attorney, and her stepson will make her a grandma in September.

Nelly Angela Garza has been working for the Census Bureau since April.

Her younger son, Andrew, graduated from John Jay Science & Engineering Academy in San Antonio, Texas, in June, and planned to attend the University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Ariz. Older son Matthew is looking for a job as a physical education and history teacher.

Heidi Brickell Ullrich is – and has been for 12 years – the permanent substitute teacher at her neighborhood elementary school. Husband Michael retired from the Navy and works for SAIC. Daughter Rachel graduated last year from University of North Carolina and lives in Bristol, Conn., where she covered World Cup soccer for ESPN. Son Jacob studies English and sports management at Old Dominion University, where he was about to start his junior year. The Ullrichs took a family trip to Jamaica in March for a wedding.

Karrie Nelson Ferguson is a runner in Southern California, where she works for Medtronic. Daughter Delaney will be attending nursing school in Seattle, and son Andrew, a high school sophomore, plays lacrosse. The family vacationed in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

> ***Danette Stormont Drew '83 raises guinea fowl and has an abundance of eggs. She and husband William both work for the EPA, where she is a senior scientist.***

Kathie Jerow is still between careers, leaving the world of travel for teaching. She has provisional teacher status until she is certified, and she is a long-term substitute. She enjoys teaching French, including teaching students with long-term illnesses at home. Last fall, she traveled throughout Provence as an "intervenante," or guest speaker, at various middle and high schools. She also introduced a "meet up" group for Francophiles and Francophones in the Charles County, Md., area. She continues to organize French teen exchanges in the southern Maryland-D.C. area. Kathie's eldest daughter, Shelby, graduated in 2009. Daughter Michelle was a rising junior, and Christena was to begin fifth grade in the fall. Tim is a senior security specialist for Homeland Security in Washington, D.C., and travels periodically.

Jayne Feeney is at the Don Bosco Centre in Dilla, Ethiopia, working through the Lay Mission Program with a feeding center and an informal school for children. She saw **Marianne Blais Dineen** at her house in St. Thomas last year. Marianne left after freshman year but has always kept in touch with Jayne. It was with Marianne that Jayne completed the last of her missionary paperwork before heading to Ethiopia. Marianne is doing great, and her daughter, Lauren, got married last month.

Teresa Childers Peterson visited Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons to celebrate her 24th wedding anniversary. **Becky Hobbs Shermer** enjoyed a week with family in Corolla, N.C., and MWC roommate **Cathy Cooke** came to visit. Becky is a part-time labor and delivery nurse at VCU Medical Center, where she marked her 24-year anniversary in June. Her older daughter, 12, is in middle school, where she is an excellent flutist in the concert band and was named "best all around female student" in seventh-grade band. The younger daughter, 9, was entering fourth grade. She won second place in her age group at a juried art show at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va. Teresa and her husband enjoy paddling their kayaks, mostly on the Pamunkey River.

Cindy Rebein Myers has lived in Oakton, Va., for more than 20 years and has worked in IT for the U.S. Geological Survey for more than 17 years. Her husband, Fred, works for Department of Defense in Crystal City. Their son graduated from Virginia Tech in May and is working for Accenture. Their daughter is a junior at Tech. They have three mechanical engineers in the family!

Lori Langpaul Beebe and her family have been in Richmond, Va., for more than 20 years. Lori works from a home office. Son Charlie, 20, looked forward to returning to West Virginia University this fall.

Business-Savvy Alumnus Left UMW With Entrepreneurial Toolkit

Matthew Ernst '94 wasn't exactly sure *what* he wanted to do when he graduated from Mary Washington with a degree in business administration, but he knew *how* he wanted to do it.

"I wanted to build something from scratch," he said. "Whatever I did, I wanted to do it my own way."

By age 27, he had done just that.

First, he worked for Richmond manufacturing entrepreneur Larry French, who taught Ernst "everything about how to run a business." Then he worked for a Boston-based consulting firm representing the company's interests in the Southeast.

In 2000, six years after his UMW graduation, Ernst had the guts and gumption to do what everyone told him he was crazy to do: strike out on his own. He founded Amentra Inc., a firm that helps other companies reach their full potential by providing a different approach to business and IT consulting. Rather than build new software and hand it off to a client, Amentra collaborates with a client's employees.

It was win-win, according to Ernst. Customers would get the new systems and technologies they needed, and their employees would get the new technical skills and confidence they required.

As Amentra CEO, Ernst was a finalist in 2007 for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the greater Washington, D.C., region.

Clients, some of them Fortune 500 companies, liked the Amentra approach. In 2005, having grown 733 percent in five years, Ernst's company made the Deloitte Technology Fast 500. By 2008, Amentra had more than 140 employees at offices in Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia, Charlotte, and Tampa.

At that point, ready for a new challenge, Ernst sold Amentra to Red Hat, a 2,500-employee worldwide provider of open-source technology. Even in the current sputtering economy, Amentra continues to thrive and grow, and recently announced international expansion. You can hear the pride in Ernst's voice when he says his former company is "doing quite well."

After founding and selling a successful company, Matthew Ernst is contemplating his next entrepreneurial move.

Still an entrepreneur at heart, Ernst has shifted gears and has become a venture capitalist while pondering his next move. He has focused on four areas – electrical distribution and efficiency, insurance efficiency, sustainable energy, and agriculture and aquaculture.

"You reach a point when you have finished one thing and you think, 'Oh my goodness, what's next?' I hope I can find new ways to use my own ideas, and to help other entrepreneurs with their ideas," Ernst said. The man who declared at age 12 that he wanted someday to be a CEO plans to start another company "much larger in scope and with even greater impact on the environment and the community."

When he's not working, Ernst enjoys golf and back country skiing. He collects modern art and supports cancer-related causes.

Ernst, the eighth of nine children, grew up near Berryville, a small town west of Washington, D.C. After a year at close-to-home Shenandoah University, he transferred to Mary Washington. He soon knew he had found his ideal college environment.

"It's a beautiful setting in which to learn," he said. "I loved the campus and the liberal arts program."

UMW's small class sizes fostered good learning relationships with his professors, Ernst said, recalling two who were particularly helpful – Steven A. Greenlaw of the economics department and Larry W. Penwell, a business professor who is serving as acting dean of the new UMW College of Business.

Ernst credits Mary Washington with giving him both the tools and the motivation to create his own business. "You get a great education at Mary Washington," he said. "And when you graduate, you're equipped."

–Randy Hallman

Whit, 17, was to begin his senior year at Richmond's Godwin High School. He hopes to attend college "somewhere south and warm."

Lori and a big group of friends enjoyed a vacation at Lori's family house in Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland. She gets together with **Julie Niehaus**, who recently moved back to Richmond. Lori also got together with **Mavourneen Bachrach Wojciechowski**, her husband, and daughter last fall when they were in D.C., to see daughter Madison play volleyball for the University of Pennsylvania at a tournament in the D.C. area. Mav and Mike live in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Son Mason plays tennis for the University of Hawaii.

Lori met **Maureen "Mo" Delaney** in Virginia Beach when Lori's son and his high school soccer team were playing in the state tournament there.

Margaret Bell Synan has been the arts and crafts instructor at Wilderness Presidential Resort for four years, planning activities for children and adults. In the off season, she paints decorative murals for the resort. She is also a freelance tour guide in the spring and summer in the Washington, D.C., area. Daughter Meghan, an 11th grader, loves floral design and running with the high school track and field team. Their favorite pastimes are shopping, singing karaoke, and playing Zynga games together. Margaret plans to tie the knot with fiancé Mickey in the next two years.

Andrea Kocolis Hornung is with the Stafford County Department of Planning and Zoning. Hubby Neil is now a senior counter intelligence officer at the U.S. Department of Energy. Sixth-grade son Brandon, 11, is in Scouts and plays lacrosse and soccer. Son Ryan, an 8-year-old third grader, also a Scout, plays basketball, soccer, flag football – any running sport. They visited Albuquerque in August for a long vacation.

I, **Marcia Guida James**, had a great time in Venice, Rome, and Sicily with my husband, Tom, and the kids in summer 2010, showing them their family origins. I still love running and biking, and I completed the Kentucky Derby mini-marathon this year. Work keeps me busy with healthcare reform at the forefront, and it leads to some business travel to D.C. and Chicago. My 92-year-old father is

living with us in Kentucky. Middle son Michael is college shopping. Oldest son Tom is a college junior and will most likely get his teaching certificate. Youngest son Frank is in his junior year of high school.

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About the only thing outrunning the heat during Reunion Weekend in early June was the fun. On Friday night we gathered at Lee Hall and received a special visit from President Rick Hurley. The former ballroom is now several rooms, which only *sounds* like sacrilege – it and the entire campus look great.

Changes abound at Mary Washington. A roomy bookstore dominates the main floor of Lee. They serve sushi in one room of Seacobeck and have pizza ovens in another. Combs Hall now houses English, modern foreign languages, and historic preservation. Hamlet House has morphed into the "Phonathon Center." The library, campus center, and science hall are all fancy and new. And there's a pedestrian bridge crossing Route 1, emblazoned with the school name.

Most important, though, were the classmates. I can still hear **Glenn Birch** and **David Minor** reviving their 1982 classic *Being a Man at a Mostly Women's College* (video on the class Facebook page) and still see **Cathy "Cuff' Gibbons** near tears of joy at her first reunion glimpse of **Susan Goyette** and **Susan Jurkiewicz Nelson**. And I will never forget **Russell "Rusty" Berry** finally arriving Saturday as we were eating lunch and roasting alive on Palmieri Plaza. Later, during a self-guided campus tour, Rusty regaled some of us with stories about what he did back in the day at various campus locales. Ask him sometime how he got out of his piano final.

Many of us – **Abas Adenan**, **Lauren Simmons**, **Julie Labat Hershey**, **Theron Keller**, **Richard Earle**, **Kim Slayton White**, **Lisa Taylor**, **Phil Schmidt**, **Joanne Brenton**, and **Denise Zawadzki Doucette** – came solo. **Wendy Van Balen Gatanis** and reunion organizer extraordinaire **Renee Allen Kuntz** brought spouses. **Janet Bowers Kuhl** was with her husband and twin toddler boys. **Jan Deese Bryant** and **Mary Ruth Venditti Yao**'s families included teenagers and young adult children. **Lewis Goldstone** and **Tim** and **Karen Altemus Duffy** came with their dogs. And it was of course good to see **Sigrid Skrivseth Houston** and **Kathleen Dwyer Miller**.

I'm sure I'm missing some folks who were there. **Kathleen Goeller Booth** brought along daughter Megan, 8, who looks just like her mom, only with red hair. Kathleen has worked for the Department of Defense for 25 years and been married to Miles for 20. They live in Ellicott City, Md., where Kathleen is a Brownie leader and helps out with the church children's choir.

Jill Turner Winkowski is an instructional designer in the Hampton Roads area. **Jessie Jones Lease** of Fairfax, Va., a semi-retired graphic designer, married "a fabulous man" in 2005 and is raising a 4-year-old. She spent 10 years with Providence Graphics, a small design firm in the Fairfax-Clifton area, worked with Freddie Mac for several years, and then joined Biblical Education by Extension World mission organization.

> ***Anne Rivello Darron '83 lives in Fredericksburg and makes regular visits to Carl's on everyone's behalf.***

After Mary Washington, **Lisa Bentley Brouelette** earned a master's degree in history from Emory University in Atlanta and a doctorate in history from University of Washington in Seattle. She stayed out West and married Jon. Their children are Adam, a junior at Western Washington University, and Claire, a senior in high school. Last summer. Lisa wrote that she's a patrol sergeant with the Kirkland (Washington) Police Department, with plans to take a three-month administrative officers course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Marianna Rixey Scott works in Charlottesville at Cathcart Group, builder of luxury apartments and condos. Husband **Mark Scott '84** is with SunTrust Mortgage. The oldest of their three girls, Maggie, graduates from the University of Virginia this spring and is looking at grad schools. Lauren is a freshman at Christopher Newport University. Mary Katherine is a fourth grader.

Sidney Griffith Keith and her husband, Mark, had an excellent excuse for missing Reunion. Their son, Ian, graduated that weekend from Florida School for the Deaf. He plans to study at St. Johns River Community College. Sidney teaches earth science and American Sign Language in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sidney and her family had a mini 25-year reunion with **Anne Hunt Braun**. Anne, husband Bob, and son Curtis live in Poquoson, Va., where Anne is an at-home mom. That's it for now, friends. Shoot me an email with your news or to be added to my contact list for timely reminders about Class Notes deadlines.

> ***Jayne Feeney '83 is at the Don Bosco Centre in Dilla, Ethiopia, working through the Lay Mission Program with a feeding center and an informal school for children.***

1986

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Congratulations to **Edie Dunn Dornburg** and husband Jed who recently welcomed their second daughter, Kimiko.

Shayne Estes received a master of divinity in May from the Virginia Union University Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology in Richmond. He was the class valedictorian. Shayne works as a substance abuse counselor and entered the pastoral ministry seeking ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church. He lives in Richmond with his wife and son.

Tom Talisman, his wife, Beth, and daughters Alexa, 6, and Gaby, 13, live in Minneapolis. Tom works in business development in Bloomington, Minn., for Pearson, a publishing concern out of the United Kingdom.

Don Appiarius '88 and **Dee Dee Weinstein Becker** played in the second Annual Recycle Yourself Tennis Tournament in Virginia Beach, helping to raise $3,000 for the LifeNet Health Foundation in support of organ and tissue donation education. Don is a double lung transplant recipient. Dee Dee lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, Andy, and daughter Brenna, 13. She is president of Becker Communications marketing and public relations consulting firm.

Brenie Matute and husband Maxime promote investment projects in Honduras and various countries in Africa. They also are assisting companies with reconstruction in Haiti. Brenie divides her time between Montreal and Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where her two daughters are in school. Brenie reported that the long-lost **Paul Beach**, wife Maggie, and three children are living outside of Chicago.

Deb Hass McKinney and college-bound daughter Erin toured Mary Wash this past spring. The nephews of **Jane Carroll Wilson** and **Ginny Farquharson Voyack** are attending UMW. Jane, Ginny, **Jackie St. Martin '85**, **Ellen Henderson Briggs '87**, **Gayle Schmith Kelly**, **Becca Bennett Cuddy '85**, **Janice "JJ" Rickerich Schifsky**, **Margaret Russell Eastman '84**, and **Liz Proutt Connelly** got together for the Annual Active Survivors Network Race in Baltimore, which they followed with a trip to Gayle's beach house for a weekend of R&R.

Keep the notes coming!

P.S. The 25th Reunion is just around the corner!

1987

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From Kim: My husband, Ken, continues to travel around the country to radio-control flying events, and we are busy with our computer services company. Our son, Chris, graduated from high school in May and is a freshman at Oklahoma State University. In July, Chris and I went back to my hometown of Richmond, and we visited Gettysburg, Washington, D.C., and Virginia Beach. I had forgotten how bad Northern Virginia traffic is. We spent a lot

of time with **Bev Newman '88** and **Dee Sphar Harding**, who attended Mary Wash for two years before transferring to West Virginia University. We went to a baseball game with Bev and my Mary Wash roommate **Lisa Onucki**. We had dinner at Renato's in Fredericksburg with Dee, **Chris Bradford Cohoon '86**, and **Dave McKinney '86**. We all had a great time reminiscing about the good old college days.

Jennifer Parrish still works at the same law firm in Fredericksburg, which often employs interns from Mary Washington. She just completed a six-year term on the Virginia State Bar Sixth District Disciplinary Committee and a similar term on the Litigation Section of the Virginia State Bar, where she served as chair. She was recently elected 2011 president of the Fredericksburg Area Bar Association. Congratulations, Jennifer! She said that after all these years, she still loves living in Fredericksburg.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin is in close touch with **Eda Spivey Price**, **Angela Goforth Harrow**, **Laura Reed Link**, **Hugh McAloon**, and **Mike Tringale**; she reports that all are doing well. Jane Ellen works with the DAN Talent Group and does voice-overs, commercials, videos, and is part of a team that teaches women public speaking, modeling, acting, and runway skills. She continues to do her podcast, is completing a cookbook, and makes guest appearances on a local morning show's cooking segments. She is very involved in fashion, travels quite a bit, and loves hosting events, sometimes wearing couture outfits designed for her by Nina D. Husband Jim still loves working at the Putnam County Election Commission and also is part-time news director at Cookeville Communications. Daughter Anna Grace began kindergarten in July, and her sister, Jenna Marie, turned 4 in August.

Toni Moore Milbourne is a reporter for the Charles Town, W.Va., newspaper. She serves on the county's Parks and Recreation Commission and emergency services agency. She is a leader for her daughter's 4-H Club.

I am on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac," so send me a friend request and let me know what you have been up to since graduation – or email me. I hope to hear from a lot of people soon.

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The Class of 1990 currently has no class agent. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact the alumni office at alumni@umw.edu.

Gregory David Haddock has been promoted from associate professor of geography to vice-provost and graduate dean at Northwest Missouri State University. After graduating from Mary Washington with a double major in geography and music, he earned a master of science and a doctorate in geographic information systems from the University of Idaho. He is married to **Amy Billhimer Haddock**.

1991

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It was nice to see some of you in June for the Rabble Rousers reunion show at the Otter House (in what used to be the Irish Brigade) in Fredericksburg. I think everyone there would agree that it was a great show. The Rabble Rousers – **Todd Stayin**, **Jeff Miers**, **Dave Smallwood**, **James Benvenuto**, and **Mark Reeves** – still sound great after 20 years! It was fun to catch up with those of you who were there.

I finally took the plunge and joined Facebook. It has been really fun to be back in touch with so many of you! Please look me up if I haven't already found you. It's a great way to send me your news and information, and I'll post reminders as deadlines approach.

I'm sure you're already aware that we are approaching our 20th reunion. Mark your calendars for June 3-5, 2011. Look for information from the alumni association about Reunion Weekend events. Hope to see many of you then!

Please keep in touch with your news and updates. I look forward to hearing from you!

1992

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I want to send a special thank you to **Courtney Hall Harjung** for all her help asking people to send me updates and for gathering information for Class Notes.

Courtney lives in Atlanta with her husband, Tom, where they had snow last winter. Courtney celebrated her 40th birthday at the Georgia Aquarium and Centennial Olympic Park's Jazz Fest. The couple hiked and socialized with other members of the Atlanta Outdoor Club and learned how to "stand up paddle surf" at the group's picnic on Lake Allatoona. They hiked on the Appalachian Trail in July, traveled to Lexington, Va., for a family reunion, and went to Nassau for scuba diving over wrecks and with sharks. They planned a waterfall hike and swim and a vacation on St. Simon's Island.

Don Appiarius '88 and Dee Dee Weinstein Becker '86 played in the second Annual Recycle Yourself Tennis Tournament in Virginia Beach, helping to raise $3,000 for the LifeNet Health Foundation in support of organ and tissue donation education.

Christine Harrison Grant of Raleigh, N.C., is director of development for the American Red Cross in Durham. She completed a life coach certification program and hopes to start her own life coach and nonprofit consulting business. Christine has enjoyed reconnecting with UMW friends through Facebook, including her roommates Courtney Harjung and **Linda Kelly Hadley**.

Wendy Scott Stuck and husband **Ken Stuck '90** have lived in Newport News for nearly 16 years. Their children are 11 and 8. Ken helps out the Cub Scout pack, and Wendy is an assistant Girl Scout troop leader. Wendy has the teaching bug again and is looking for a Spanish teacher position. Ken continues in his cultural resources position. He wows local elementary students on career day when he explains what he does as an archaeologist.

I have managed to get some updates via Facebook: **Marc Tate** and wife Cemmi live in Centerville, Va., with their two children, Marcus and Madelin. **Robert Todd** and **Paul Pollard** attended the wedding of **Todd Schill** to Danielle. **Todd Bosch** lives in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

Brady Chapman took a drive through the Mary Washington campus and said it was "a long way from three kids to a room with no AC like we had to deal with." He opened a second insurance office location in Lakeland, Fla., last spring. His children are growing fast, he said, and he spends lots of time at baseball and dance. Brady, **Jay McNamara**, **Mike Smith**, **Scott Ross**, **Bob Lunger**, and **Drew White** got together for a cookout at **Thomas Brophy**'s with their families. They were looking forward to September for their 16th annual golf trip in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Tevin Chaney sold his miniature golf course in Williamsburg in 2007, spent a year taking courses at William and Mary, and then returned to UMW for a second degree. In 2008, he got a certificate in GIS, geographic information science. Last June, he got a bachelor's degree in environmental science. He planned to begin graduate school at the University of Maryland this fall.

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Kirk Ranzetta's book, *I'm Goin' Down County*, an architectural history of St. Mary's County, Md., was recently released. After

tudying historic preservation at Mary Washington, he pursued rban affairs and public policy from he University of Delaware, where ie received a master's degree in 996 and a doctorate in 2006. He s a project architectural historian vith Cardno-ENTRIX, a natural esource management firm in Portland, Ore. He and wife Patricia Deem have two children, Brogan nd Finnegan.

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From Jill: I enjoy the summer ife of a teacher, but I do some art-time work, so it is not all un and games! I spend a week n Richmond working for the Virginia Department of Education s a member of a committee that eviews third grade social studies OL test items. The "SOLs" are Virginia's standardized tests. I had he pleasure of working with **Mie Carter Devers '97** for the past two ears and wish her well, but will niss her, as she moves on to a new chool and a new experience for the pcoming school year!

Susan Payne has a new, busy ob as deputy director of web trategy and communications or the Georgetown University Medical Center. She works with the Lombardi Cancer Treatment Center, he School of Medicine, the School f Nursing, and the Biomedical Research Organization. She and ier family bought a new house n Sterling, Va., where she, her husband, 2-year old, and 12-year old were settling in.

Anndelynn Tapscott Martin s the victim services coordinator or the Jefferson County Sherriff's Office in Colorado. Her husband, **William "Tug" Martin**, works or Dish Network. They have two hildren, Ty, 6, and Addie, 3. They ave been doing a lot of camping round Colorado in their new trailer lubbed "MAT" – Martin Adventure Trailer!

Jessica Fulmer Chafin and her husband, Jason, live in the Atlanta rea with their daughter, 4, and son, nearly 2. Jessica finished a master's legree in adolescent education in uly and continues to work in the ducation department at Kennesaw State University. **Brendan Kelly** et us know that his wife, **Corrie Henson Kelly**, plans to graduate with honors from U. Va. with a master's degree in reading education in December.

After Mary Washington, **Hadrian Mendoza** went to the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C., where he was awarded the prestigious Anne and Arnold Abramson Award for excellence in ceramics. Hadrian's *Carabao*, named after the Philippines water buffalo, was featured in an exhibit at the Philippine Embassy in D.C. in June.

Eileen Heffern Hairel and her husband, Chris, are certified as licensed foster/adoptive parents in Houston, Texas. In October 2009, they welcomed their first foster baby, a five-day-old boy. Eileen and Chris were still enjoying him as they prepared for their own bundle of joy, due in late September!

Brenna Hall Hessler and her husband welcomed Cullen Sterne on March 17. He joins brothers Dawson, 8, and Carter, 6, and sister Evie, 4. Brenna works as a part-time labor and delivery nurse at Fairfax Hospital. **Mike Johnson** and **Colette Strawn Johnson '97** welcomed their third son, Nicholas Tyler, in July.

Jen and I enjoy staying in touch with many of you on Facebook. Please remember to let us know what's going on with you throughout the year, either on Facebook or through email. Hope to hear from you soon!

1997

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After having lived in Australia for five years, **Matthew Michaelson** returned to Las Vegas, where he'll teach math at Palo Verde High School in nearby Summerlin. He is pursuing a master's degree in mathematical sciences at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He expects to get this third master's degree 2012. He has a master's degree in geographic and cartographic sciences from George Mason University (2002) and a master's degree in educational practice from Bond University in Queensland, Australia (2006).

Luke Sbarra, wife Jennifer, and Emilia, 3, welcomed Henry Foley Sbarra on Oct. 21, 2009. They live in Charlotte, N.C., and enjoyed a summer vacation at Holden Beach. **Gretchen Frates Martin** and husband Michael welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Eileen, on March 8. Danny, 2, is learning how to be a good big brother and not squeeze his little sister too hard!

Tara Scopp Harper, husband Gavin, and five-month-old Charlotte live in Brunswick, Ga. Tara is an attorney and legal instructor for federal officers at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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Stephanie O'Connor Shockley and husband Dan live in New York City. Stephanie was ordained an Episcopal priest in June and serves the Church of the Holy Trinity on Manhattan's Upper East Side. She earned a master of divinity from The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in May 2009. She spent the past year in intensive training as a hospital chaplain, focusing on oncology, HIV/AIDS, and palliative care. In 2009, Dan received a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and passed the New Jersey and New York bar exams. He works for the New York Hotel Trades Council. Stephanie and Dan enjoy all that NYC has to offer, and they love spending time with their three nieces and one nephew. They were looking forward to summer camping with **Sarah Meyrowitz Meytin** and Rachel Meytin, and their children, Coby and Ruthie.

Chris Currier is alive and well in Pittsburgh with his wife of eight years, Suzanne, and two daughters, Keira, 5, and Emma, nearly 3. Chris plays modern "Mad Man" in his advertising firm, Yellow Submarine Marketing. He often travels to see his main client, Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, and their amusement and water park properties across North America. These include Kings Dominion in Richmond, Knott's Berry Farm in L.A., and Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

Eric Earling has been managing media relations for Premera Blue Cross in Washington State since March 2009. His wife, Stephani, is plowing through a master's degree program and was about to start a job at a local housing agency. Their children, Joseph and Sophia, are in eighth grade and fifth grade, respectively.

Erika Ehland Benowitz enjoys her new chosen career as at-home mom to Sasha, 2, and Lauren, 1. She and husband Andrew live in the Philadelphia suburb of Collegeville, Pa., where they keep up with their extensive gardens. **Aaron Zielinski** continues to build his financial advisory practice in Norfolk, Va., focusing on helping families and small-to-medium-sized businesses. He is entering his second year as the chair of the leadership development committee of the Downtown 100 in Norfolk and recently hosted an interactive panel discussion on the topic of brain drain. He and Lisa celebrated son Benjamin's second birthday in February.

This past spring, **Vanessa Valley Wedding** organized a mini-reunion at her new house in King George, Va. She loves the space it affords her, husband John, daughter Jillian, and their two dogs. Many of her college study buddies attended, including **Jason Terrill**, **Cheryl Duckworth**, **Anne Valentine Higgins '98** and her husband, **Jen Rees Schultz** and her husband, and **Silvia Pavia '98.** The partygoers also celebrated in Dale City, Va., at the home of **Anne Waldron Hoover** and **Rob Hoover**, as Anne was in her last month of pregnancy and could not make the drive down to Vanessa's. Anne and Rob are now the proud parents of Kayla Melody, born May 30, their second child. Anne Higgins also delivered a baby girl, Riley Macon, on July 10. The mini-reunion was a send-off for Cheryl, who is now an assistant professor of conflict resolution at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Cheryl's final manuscript of her book, *Land and Dignity in Paraguay*, was recently approved. Jason is taking full advantage of his move

to Oahu with trips to New Zealand and Kauai. After the mini-reunion, he headed to Suffolk to visit his old roommate, **Jon Lewis '98**, his wife, **Rachel Robinette Lewis**, and their six children.

I was privileged to attend the wedding of **Allison Enedy** and Tom Cholis in Norfolk in May. I have never seen a bride and groom so happy and obviously in love. It was so much fun eating, drinking, and dancing the night away with Allison, **Allyson Knudson Gallup**, **Jacquelyn "Jackie" Curry Todaro**, and their husbands. Allison and Tom honeymooned in Oahu. This summer, Allison left her corporate job to help the animals of Virginia Beach as the events coordinator for the SPCA. I randomly ran into **Paul Storer '99** at the Phoenix airport on a business trip – always surreal seeing alumni in strange places like airport terminals! **Colleen Minion Uuereb** was in Minneapolis for a conference in June, and we were able to spend a day together, allowing me to show off the best my new hometown has to offer. Let me know if you're ever in Minneapolis and have time to catch up. If not, just send an email and let me know how you're doing.

1998

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Matt LoFiego promises this will be his last round of baby news: He and his wife celebrated the birth of their third child, Amelia, in late June at Mary Washington Hospital. **Larissa Lipani Peluso-Fleming** and her husband are living it up in Leesburg, where she is a fifth grade teacher. Their son, Deacon, was born in May. Big brother Anthony was heading to first grade this fall. Larissa visited with **Laura Letchworth** before she shipped off for her first deployment with the U.S. Navy.

Caitlin Jenkins Losh and her husband, Jason, celebrated the birth of their first child, Paul Arthur Jenkins, on July 3. They expect to celebrate Paul's birthday with fireworks every year. The Losh family is enjoying life in Brooklyn, where Caitlin is a paper conservator at the Brooklyn Museum.

Tara McGintee Gibbs and husband Dave welcomed baby William Edward on June 7. They live on Long Island, along with big brothers Owen, 5, and Colin, 2. After their two years in Germany, **Jeremy Blain** and his wife, Jennifer, live in San Antonio with Ellen, 5, Jason, 3, and Collin, 1. Jeremy continues to work for Booz Allen Hamilton.

> ***Stephanie O'Connor Shockley '97 was ordained an Episcopal priest in June and serves the Church of the Holy Trinity on Manhattan's Upper East Side. She spent the past year in intensive training as a hospital chaplain, focusing on oncology, HIV/AIDS, and palliative care.***

After a year of writing and rewriting, **Stephen O'Connell** completed in May his dissertation in geography and his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. He teaches full time in the geography department at Mary Washington after spending the last school year as a part-time adjunct and part-time dissertation writer. He planned to marry Maggie Collins, an attorney in Fredericksburg, in November in her hometown of Cincinnati. Stephen met Maggie through **Dave Danieli**, who will be in the wedding.

Heidi Buchanan Keohane's daughter, Riley, started kindergarten; as a result, Heidi took on a new teaching job at Riverbend High School in Spotsylvania. **Wendy Sulc** is assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Miami. Her really big news is that she, husband Greg, and daughter Natalie welcomed Aidan Charles Dehne on June 4. **Abby Mitchell Pearce**, husband Ben, and big sister Emily welcomed Nathaniel Thomas on July 29. **Adrien Snedeker Dickerson** and husband Adam look forward to introducing Baby Dickerson to the world in February.

1999

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Thanks for all of the wonderful information! If you haven't seen UMW's Eagle Village, you need to check it out online or in person.

I have just started my fourth year teaching fourth grade at the Trinity School, in Atlanta, Ga. Recently, I dusted off my feet and started playing in two outdoor sand volleyball leagues – a 6's and a 4's league. Over the summer, I traveled to West Palm Beach to visit **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** and her family, including my goddaughter, Addison. **Corey Sell** and **Katy Buchanan Storer** visited me here in Atlanta.

Dennis L. Rudnick married Joy E. Patzke on July 31, in Seattle, where Dennis is completing a doctorate in multicultural education at the University of Washington. **Daniel Frye** and **Ted Dangerfield** were among the groomsmen. Ted's wife, **Monica Dangerfield '00**, **Walter Parra**, and **Dan Opiela** were also in attendance.

After college, **Brian Frazelle** spent a year working with immigrants in Texas before pursuing a master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. After several years as an editor with UNC Press, he went to Yale University to pursue a law degree. He graduated from the law school in May and works for the Public Citizen Litigation Group in Washington, D.C. In April, he married Sarah Trippensee, his girlfriend of five years.

Holly Blanton has worked with the Estee Lauder Companies since 2003. Recently, she and husband George Miller moved from Charlotte, N.C., so Holly, a specialist in sales management and corporate training, could take a project with Estee Lauder covering New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia areas. They went on a mission trip to Guatemala's Casa Bernabe orphanage in March, where they physically worked the hardest they had worked in ages! They completed many gardening and concrete tasks, and they roofed the new clinic. A trip like that puts amazing perspective on their lives, Holly said.

On July 18, **Sharon Reavis** married Stacey L. Woodson of Staunton, Va., in Franklin, Tenn. She and Stacey, a musician, singer, and a counselor for Centerstone, will live in Nashville. Sharon has been practicing entertainment law in the music industry for more than nine years and is in-house counsel for EMI Christian Music Group, Inc. She just graduated from the Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law program, which recognizes future leaders in the Tennessee legal community.

Stephen Charnoff and **Katherine Fry Charnoff '00** bought a house in Vienna and were expecting their first child in November. Steve practices law with a firm in Tysons Corner, and Katie is a print broker in Fairfax City.

Brian Straight is still at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. He plans to travel to Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, and Peru, as he will leave around the end of the year. He will return to Washington, D.C., to prepare for his next assignment, probably somewhere in Africa.

In July, **Marty Malloy** was named CEO of Greater Philadelphia Cares, a non-profit in the region that provides opportunity for civic engagement for organizations and companies that want to create positive social change.

Lisa Mueller recently returned from a year teaching fourth grade in Scotland through the Fulbright program. She took advantage of the ease of European travel while she was abroad and saw many places like France and Spain. Welcome home, Lisa!

Susanne Eymer Maurer is a licensed professional counselor offering clinical and career counseling in Washington, D.C. She married in 2007 and has a son, Jake, who is nearly 2. Whenever she can, Susanne hangs out with **Laura Reilly Lewis**, **Leah Morris**, **Claire Wagner**, **Martha Smith,** and **Carol Chace**.

Carol received a nursing degree in May, passed the federal nursing exam in June, and started a nursing job at Providence hospital in July. Between graduation and the exam, she went on a mission trip to Haiti, setting up a health center there with other medical professionals. She said it was an amazing, humbling, heartbreaking trip – but one full of hope.

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It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since we walked down Campus Walk together. It was wonderful to reconvene on campus in early summer for Reunion Weekend. The stifling heat brought back memories of dorm rooms with no air conditioning and lazy mornings spent hanging out with friends.

We owe a big thank you to **Kristin DeGraff** and **Mariah Butler Vogelgesang** for rallying the troops to head to Fredericksburg to mark the occasion. Campus is still as beautiful as we remember it, so if you get a chance to go visit, do so! You'll be so impressed with the renovations that have taken place since we left.

Kristin completed her first marathon in January at Walt Disney World. She was working with Team in Training for a half marathon in San Francisco this fall.

Mariah brought her beautiful family to Reunion Weekend from their home in Fort Wayne, Ind. – husband Matt; son Grant, nearly 3; and baby Harris Grey, born October 2009. Mariah is also one of three Class of 2000 members honored for their collegiate athletic achievements. She and fellow swimmer **Kim Myers** and soccer player **Johanna Klein** were to be inducted to the University of Mary Washington Athletic Hall of Fame this fall!

Jamie Dowdy Brooks is a physical therapist in Richmond. Son Owen, 4, was ready for pre-K this fall, and son Gavin turned 2. Jamie and husband Craig visited **Marga Ischel Green** to celebrate the baptism of Marga's son, James, who joined big sister Megan. **Jen Hunt Clair** – who was expecting – is James' godmother.

Julie Hallman, a veterinary technician in Charleston, S.C. enjoys a "wonderful slow Southern beachy life." She and her boyfriend bought a house, and she has traveled to Canada and Mexico.

Stacey Ladd Mulholland of Chelmsford, Mass., welcomed her first son, Jacob Otis, in March. Stacey teaches fifth grade in Westford, Mass. **Olivia Synnott Landry** and her husband, Austin, also welcomed their first child, Nolan, in April. They own Jordan Springs Market, a country store with deli and gas station, in Stephenson, Va. **Joy Barnes** and husband Roger Thomas are expecting their third child in December, to join siblings Emily and Samuel. **Erin Shank Poston** and husband AJ welcomed Madelyn in January, little sister to Elise, 3. Erin, a family practice physician assistant in Richmond, cannot believe it's been 10 years since college!

Jerry Podorski moved from Chesapeake Beach, Md., to Fredericksburg, where he helps coach the UMW men's rugby team. He is a senior forensic chemist in the Clandestine Laboratory Safety and Research Center for the Drug Enforcement Agency. He wrote from Korea that he trains DEA agents and state and local officers about the dangers of methamphetamine labs and how to take samples. He speaks internationally on the importance of watching chemicals used to process drugs such and heroin and cocaine.

After college, Brian Frazelle '99 spent a year working with immigrants in Texas before pursuing a master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. After several years as an editor with UNC Press, he went to Yale University to pursue a law degree, which he received in May, and he now works for the Public Citizen Litigation Group in Washington, D.C.

The Eugene Symphony in Oregon is still fortunate to have **Maylian Pak** as its development director. Aside from work, she performs with a local Jimmy Buffett band, The Cheeseburgers. She was one of 48 U.S. non-profit leaders to participate in the American Express Nonprofit Leadership Academy – an intensive, all-expenses-paid week-long leadership seminar in New York City. Maylian vacationed in San Francisco for July 4, where she visited **Beth Geiger Wolly**, her husband, Mark, and their adorable son, Jake.

Rachel Silbaugh Norman and husband Sean left Tennessee for Woodstown, N. J., in June 2009. Rachel loves being an at-home mom to Lily, who will turn 2 in December.

Eve Sledjeski teaches psychology courses at Rowan University in New Jersey, where husband Tom is also a professor. Her children, Lucius, 2, and Alice, 1, loved playing in Ball Circle during Reunion Weekend.

As for me, I left Fox News after 10 years for a much more challenging job – motherhood! My husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, and I welcomed Gabriela Lily on Jan. 31. We've made our home in Arlington, Va., and are busy planning our next adventure with Gaby.

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As always, the Class of 2001 has many wonderful updates to keep everyone entertained. Please continue to send them to us as we love hearing from you, and your classmates love keeping up with your news.

Adele MacDonald and her husband, **Andrew Neiburg '00**, celebrated daughter Isabelle's first birthday in July. Adele is a labor and employment associate with the law firm of Williams Mullen in Richmond. **Lauren Fisher** recently married and is a clinical psychologist in northern Virginia; she planned to open her own practice this fall.

Michelle Carr Young and husband Jay, of Stafford, were expecting their first baby, Emileigh Marie Young, around the end of July. Michelle was to begin her 10th year teaching at Forest Park High School in Woodbridge, Va., this fall.

Brianne Patchell Friberg completed a doctorate in human development and family studies at the University of Wisconsin, and she accepted a full-time faculty position in the psychology department at Liberty University. **Martine St. Germain Barre** and her husband are excited that they will welcome a new member to their family in January. **Sara Harney Correll,** husband Jim, and son Noah, 2, welcomed Hannah Elizabeth in April to their home in Gainesville, Va.

Rob Eidson of West Chester, Pa., is a human resources director with SAP America. He founded a public charity organization in 2009, which has raised thousands of dollars in support of various causes in autism research and education. **Claudia Matamala Lemus,** her husband, and 2-year-old daughter welcomed little Diego on March 5. **Christina Dominguez** and husband Ashley Clinedinst of Poquoson, Va., expected their first child in September.

Jonathan Williams and **Erin Pickens Williams** recently received promotions. Jonathan is now vice president of Easter Associates Inc., a government relations and association management company. Erin is now policy and planning coordinator for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Consumer Protection.

Sarah Meharg of Washington, D.C., is a communications specialist with Alion Science and Technology. **Paula Snell** welcomed a lovely new granddaughter in January, and she is three classes away from earning a master of divinity degree!

Zac Sargent married Aimee Demora in September 2009 in Stowe, Vt. Alumni in attendance were **Brendan Eygabroat, Trais Pearson, Corey Brynes '02, Jamie Foster, Steve Paturynski, John Bernhardt, Lara Bernhardt '02,** and **Mary Kovaleski Brynes '02.**

Alysia McLain and Scott Jones of Juneau, Alaska, planned to marry in October. Scott is the assistant comptroller for the State of Alaska, and Alysia is curator of public programs at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. She was selected for a Rotary International Group Study Exchange to Finland and Estonia. She spent a month last fall visiting museums and historic sites, staying with host families, and learning about the history and culture of these two countries.

Judy Goss received her master's degree from Georgetown University Department of American Government in 2008. She lives in Tabernacle, N.J., and teaches American government and international politics at Burlington County College there. She also is campaign manager for a local township council race.

Kim Price Rowan and her partner expect their first child in late December. **Theresa Furlong Kennedy** and husband Jed expected their first child in late July. She is senior project manager at Capital One.

Stephanie Betancourt Brady and her husband were fortunate to get orders to Hawaii, where they will be for two years. In June, they

welcomed their third child, Reese Evangeline. Stephanie plans to take a year off to care for the family while her husband is deployed in the Middle East. When he returns, she has plans to pursue a Ph.D.

Gina Leonard and her husband, Mike, welcomed the beautiful Ariana Grace in April. They also bought their first house, in Prince William County, Va.

Virginia Green Bartlett finished a doctorate in religion and ethics. She, Shane, and daughter Sophia, 1, planned to move to Los Angeles in August, where she will be the assistant director for the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Shane will work in film. While sad about leaving Nashville after eight years, they looked forward to catching up with **Kelly MacNeil**, **Betsy Burton '00**, and other Mary Washington Angelinos.

Andrew Ward received a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department and spent the summer studying Urdu in Lucknow, India. He helped create the nonprofit Voices for International Business and Education, which operates the International High School of New Orleans, a charter school that opened last year. It is the only open-enrollment public high school in America that offers French and Spanish language immersion programs. And yes, he still moonlights as a French Quarter tour guide!

Madelyn Marino ran her first half marathon in June in Seattle. She is now hooked on running and is preparing for her next half marathon in Detroit, Mich. **Maryjane Wysocki** lives in Satellite Beach, Fla., and is an employment coordinator for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. She is nearing completions of certification to be a community work incentive coordinator. This job promotes the use of federal and state work incentives for individuals with disabilities who would like to work, maximizing their independence and earnings.

As for your class agents, **Teresa Joerger Mannix** and her husband, Mark, bought a house in Gainesville, Va. She will be working with **Natalie Alexander Buttner** on plans for our 10-year reunion next summer, so save the date – June 3-5, 2011! **Caroline Jarvis** lives in London, where she is a relationship manager at Kleinwort Benson Private Bank and works with both private clients and charities.

Please keep sending in your updates. If you are not receiving update request emails, please be sure to email us your up-to-date contact information. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Katie Dolph Lewis earned a docorate from William and Mary in educational policy, planning, and leadership. Norfolk's Teacher of the Year in 2009, she now is teaching education courses at Texas A&M International University. In June she married John Lewis, a border patrol agent in Laredo, Texas.

> ***Jerry Podorski '00 moved from Chesapeake Beach, Md., to Fredericksburg, where he helps coach the UMW men's rugby team. He is a senior forensic chemist in the Clandestine Laboratory Safety and Research Center for the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.***

Christi Kramer is director of the Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center in Maryland, a nonprofit challenge course that facilitates team building programs and experiential education.

Meagan Lindsay Butkus lives in Reston with husband Chris. They were married in October 2009 in southern Virginia and honeymooned in Sicily. **Heather Hayden** served as maid of honor, and **Jennifer O'Leary** and **Becky Foster Murphy** were bridesmaids. Heather married Brett Seace in May in Vinton, Va., and Meagan was a bridesmaid. Heather and Brett live in Leesburg, Va.

In May, **Meredith Camp** received a master's degree in education in business and industry training. She lives in Lynchburg, Va., and plans to marry in May 2011.

Jay and **Nina Bruno Parrish** welcomed their first child, Alyssa Nicole, in May. They own Parrish Learning Zone, LLC, a tutoring service in Fredericksburg.

Kendra Steele married in December 2008 and completed a doctorate in microbiology and immunology at East Carolina University in April.

Sarah Preston volunteered in small business development with the Peace Corps for two years in Peru after Mary Washington. She traveled through Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, and Chile. After working for a couple of years in a training facility for the Foreign Service, she went to graduate school in Baltimore for public health. Now she lives in Washington, D.C., and is a project director in behavioral sciences for Danya International in Silver Spring, Md.

David Lunne of Dayton, Ohio, married **Katie Helldoerfer** in a ceremony there in November with **Caroline Otto Lemire** as a bridesmaid. Katie and David will live in Dayton. **Karen Tinklepaugh** and her husband, Jeff Zielonka, welcomed their first child, Charlotte, on June 25. They live in State College, Pa., and work for the Pennsylvania State Department of Meteorology.

Nancy Clark and Steven Cours plan to marry in spring 2011, and they will live and work in northern Virginia. **Kevin Bradley** introduced them to each other when they played on a coed softball team.

> ***Maylian Pak '00 is development director of the Eugene [Oregon] Symphony; off hours, she performs with a local Jimmy Buffett band, The Cheeseburgers.***

In April, the West Antarctic Ice Sheet (WAIS) Divide Ice Core Project at Montana State University in Bozeman invited **Juliana D'Andrilli** to join as a postdoctoral research associate, and she drove cross-country to begin the exciting research project in June. She works with the Center for Biofilm Engineering and the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Science. She hopes to travel to Antarctica next year to collect samples.

Sarah Sedaghatfar married Jason Little in Leesburg, Va., on June 12. Bridesmaids included **Jill Davis**, **Diana Daly**, and **Jessica Brandes. Caroline Otto Lemire**, **Matt Lemire**, **Catherine Keane**, **Tommy Rogers**, and **Steve Coughlin** also were there. Sarah and Jason honeymooned in Maui before heading home to Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rebecca Nelson Findlay and husband Ryan of Potomac Falls, Va., welcomed their first child, Tucker Nelson, in March. Rebecca and Ryan both work in finance.

Please send updates by email, and join the Mary Washington Class of 2003 Facebook group.

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From Sameer: **Emily Eaton** has taught preschool for five years at Grace Covenant Child Development Center in Richmond. She has two cats, is a busy pet sitter, and enjoys horseback riding. She also enjoys her church and Richmond Christian Singles events.

Aaron Layman is the beer buyer at Wine Gourmet in Roanoke, and he takes the occasional freelance writing gig. He likes to hike and bike. **Christy Tilghman** and James Morrow plan to marry in April 2011 in Chevy Chase, Md., where Christy lives and works as an accounting manager.

Rachel Smith moved to Massachusetts to pursue a master's degree in student personnel administration at Springfield College. **Jason "Tex" Lancaster** was promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the Navy and plans to marry.

In May 2009, **Suzanne Gallagher Welch** completed a master's degree in liberal and professional studies at Armstrong Atlantic State University, where she works in the

university housing department. Suzanne's husband, Ryan, is an Army Blackhawk pilot and has been deployed to Afghanistan since November 2009. They have lived in Savannah, Ga., with their two dogs, Sydney and Dingo, since late 2006, but they expect to relocate to Fort Rucker, Ala., in early 2011.

Andrew Blate and **Jessie Thomas-Blate '03** live in Fairfax, Va., where he has his company Beautiful Home Services LLC. They live across the street from **Shawn Gremminger** and **Sandi Phillips Gremminger** and their daughter, Emmeline, 1. **Ben Kolodziej** plans to marry UNC Tarheel Heather Wildrick in June 2011. **Annie Mazes** received a master's degree in library science from Queens College in New York City. In August, she was to leave for Brisbane, Australia, where she will live and work for a year as a librarian.

Amber Rector Johnson and **Kevin Johnson** welcomed Amelia Kathleen in August 2009, a happy girl who loves to bounce to the music and chase the cat. Her middle name is for **Kathleen Tripodi '03**. **Matt Guderian**, a tax paralegal at Baker & McKenzie LLP, just finished a cross-country train trip.

Since moving back to the mainland and Fort Benning, Ga., a year ago, **Jade K. Willard** and her husband have traveled to her parents' Florida beach house, to the Virginia wedding of **Jessi Waggener** and Jon Higgs, and many times into the deep backwoods of Georgia to photograph, hike, and hunt. Jade worked with the U.S. Census Bureau, starting as an enumerator and quickly becoming the crew leader for the entire Fort Benning installation.

Shalini Henry works in the Fairfax, Va., area with Homeless Animals Rescue Team. She fosters rescued dogs until they find their "forever" home. **Paul Michanczyk** and **Ame Bristow Michanczyk** are leaving Fredericksburg for Virginia Beach, so Paul can take a job as a pastor. Ame was due to have a child in late September.

Lawton Clites has shifted careers and is teaching biology, environmental science, and pottery at Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Dumfries, Va. **Alyssa Ehret** had her second son, Cowan Bryan Fagen, on May 10. **Eric Horne** and his wife, **Logan Dalby '06**, live and work in Los Alamos, N.M., with their two sets of twins. **Kristin Simmers** teaches kindergarten in London.

Tricia Piccinino and **Matt Kapuscinski** married in April in Arlington, Va. **Bryce Perry**, **Brian Reagan**, **Kelly Kinahan**, **Becky Julian Keeley**, and **Caroline Ellis** all represented Mary Washington in the bridal party. Tricia earned a master's degree in education at George Washington University and teaches high school ESL in Virginia. Matt is in his third year at William & Mary School of Law and was recently named editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*.

Ellen McKenna lives in Chicago with her husband and is an

Educator Adds Philanthropy to Résumé After Being Honored by the White House

Dat Le is one of only two teachers in Virginia to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Dat Le '95 was a baby in the mid-1970s when his parents moved with their five children from Vietnam to the United States. The youngster showed an early interest in math and science, and by middle school had taken first place in a science fair.

"I like to explore things and try to solve puzzles and try to figure things out," he said. "I like to analyze a lot."

More than two decades later, Le is still winning awards. In June, he learned he was one of only two teachers in Virginia to receive the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. With that achievement, Le revealed another one of his virtues: philanthropy. He shared half of the $10,000 prize with H.B. Woodlawn Secondary School in Arlington, Va., where Le taught middle and high school students life sciences, biology, and environmental science for 13 years.

"Receiving this award is a testament to the wonderful partnership between parents, teachers, administrators, and community members to help students learn and enjoy science," said Le, one of 103 teachers in the nation to receive the White House honor. "This award also belongs to my students for their continued love of learning, curiosity, and inquisitiveness of the natural world."

Le, 36, asked that the money, given by the National Science Foundation, be given to the Woodlawn college scholarship program. Le also received the 2006 National Science Teachers Association/ Ohaus Award for Innovations in Science Teaching.

Sharing with students isn't new to Le. He has sought and won grants to fund hands-on opportunities and inquiry-based experiences to help his pupils make connections between science and the everyday world. Grants for his work include the Dominion Educational Partnership, National Education Association Foundation, and Toshiba America Foundation.

Before receiving the Presidential Award, Le was promoted to science specialist, K-12, for Arlington Public Schools, where he has worked for 14 years.

Le grew up in Northern Virginia and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Va. He wanted a good college close to home, and Mary Washington fit the bill.

"It was small. That was definitely something I looked for, with a good opportunity for interaction with professors," he said. "At other schools, you are in an auditorium with 200 or 300 other students."

Le's parents moved to the U.S. in part to gain better opportunities for their children. His sister is a pharmacist; one brother is a physician, one is a lawyer, and one is a teacher.

After earning a bachelor of science in biology at UMW, Le earned a master of education in administration and supervision from Virginia Commonwealth University and a doctorate in educational research and evaluation from Virginia Tech. He is certified in biology and is a National Board Certified Teacher.

In addition to serving on the Science Standards Advisory Committee for the College Board, Le has taught research courses for the Virginia Tech Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

– David Driver

state's attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Ellen graduated from law school in 2009, was sworn in to the Illinois State Bar in November, and was sworn in to the Indiana State Bar in May.

As for your Class Agent, **Sameer Vaswani**, I am in my second year of study toward an MBA at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

2006

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Lauren DeLesDernier was named 2010 Teacher of the Year at Fredericksburg's Lafayette Upper Elementary School, where she is in her third year teaching special education. **Stefanie Beierschmitt** lives in Asheville, N.C., with her best friend/partner/boyfriend and her two dogs. She has become very involved in real estate investing, has several rental properties, and is pursuing a real estate license. She and her boyfriend planned to travel to India this fall.

Nadia Mudder and her husband, Jan, were expecting their first child in August. They will continue to teach history and English in Almaty, Kazakhstan, for the 2010-2011 year. **Blake Hathaway** has been a GIS analyst and staff manager with Critigen for four years. She planned to compete in the lemon chess pie category of a local pie-baking contest in August and to run her first half marathon this fall. Blake enjoys weekend bartending from time to time.

Deirdre Garahan recently completed a master's degree in secondary education at Marymount University. **Autumn Arrowood Hibberd** and husband Steve welcomed their first child, Easton Michael, on June 17. **Danielle Somers Zdanowicz** and husband **Ryan Zdanowicz '04** welcomed their first child, Hannah Marie, on May 13.

In July, **Laura Rawlett** and Brandon Taylor became engaged on the island of St. Johns and plan to marry next year. **Lauren Rae Lorusso** welcomed twin boys on June 28, Kingsley William and Sawyer Richmond. They join big brother Hunter, 2.

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From Shana: I had the honor of being a bridesmaid in the wedding of my UMW roommate, **Jessica Pritchard Marshall**, to Chris Marshall. Both are graduates of Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine at Virginia Tech. They have begun their first year of medical residency and live in Bethlehem, Pa.

Ben Beavers and **Megh Cudahy** married in July in Leesburg, Va., with **Chad Chadbourn** as best man. **Alex Case** and **Kate Oswald** married in July in Long Island, N.Y. Members of the wedding party included **Jenny Duval**, **Chad Chadbourn**, **Matt Coulter**, maid of honor **Stephanie Oswald '09**, and best man **Ian Case '08**. Matt and his wife, Lindsay Coulter, welcomed Chase Gregory on March 27.

> ***The West Antarctic Ice Sheet Divide Ice Core Project at Montana State University in Bozeman invited Juliana D'Andrilli '03 to join as a postdoctoral research associate. She hopes to travel to Antarctica next year to collect samples.***

Jenny Duval and Brian Utterback planned to marry in Connecticut in October with **Kathryn Astley** and **Kate Oswald Case** in the bridal party. **Jeff Holt** works for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is engaged to **Kymmie Simmons '08**. **Caitlyn Eck** bought a home and works in Fort Myers, Fla. She completed a master's degree in public health from the University of West Florida. In September, she and **Marion Bernstein** traveled to Istanbul, Turkey, where they showed Turks how to party like Mary Washingtonians!

Rebecca Christ Alwine and her family in Wiesbaden, Germany, welcomed Abigail Christina on March 31. She joins brother Declan, 2. The family is in Europe courtesy of the U.S. Army and will probably return to the States in early 2011.

Lauren Bayer is a law clerk in the Mercer Vicinage, Civil Division, in Trenton, N.J. She earned a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She and **Steve Grillo '07** plan to marry in November 2011. Steve is manager for capital projects with the Staten Island Economic Development Corp, and he received a master's degree in urban planning from Hunter College, City University of New York.

Callie Talbot Castellani is a sales executive for Doo.Ri, a ready to wear fashion designer. **Matt Disbrow** of Hollywood, Fla., and fiancée Tricia Shealy welcomed Vivian Peyton Disbrow on Aug. 3.

Gerald B. Ndikintum is doing research in the Graduate School of Education and Human Research at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is pursuing a doctorate in educational administration and policy, and he teaches in Spotsylvania County Schools.

Erik Thorell earned a doctorate in osteopathic medicine in June from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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From Trish: In May, **Jenny Stout** received a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She planned to work at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., this summer.

After spending a year as associate coordinator for the Center for Teaching and Learning in China in Shenzhen, China, **Megan Vaughan-Albert** will pursue a master's degree in China development studies at the University of Hong Kong. She is excited to spend a year in one of her favorite cities and come home with a master's degree.

Andrew Federspiel is a video game designer with SilverTree Media in Palo Alto, Calif. **Andrew King** received a graduate degree in urban planning and development from Virginia Tech last spring.

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for Class Notes submissions:

Material received by	Appears in
MARCH 15	SUMMER
JULY 15	FALL/WINTER
NOVEMBER 15	SPRING

Kimberly Miller and Jimmy Kingman plan to marry at the UMW Alumni Executive Center in July 2011. Kimberly teaches second grade in Stafford, and Jimmy is a Stafford County Deputy. They live in Fredericksburg, Va.

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Ashley Jacob has just signed a second-year contract to continue teaching chemistry in New Jersey. **Chrissy Woolsey** got a job teaching a multi-age kindergarten and first grade class in Stafford County. She and **Cary Lincoln '08** plan to marry in July 2011.

Kari VanKommer is moving to England to volunteer for a year as an activities instructor at Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs in Shropshire. **Jacqui Newman** and Greg Scanlon, a U.Va. graduate, married in New York City in July and honeymooned in Antigua. She works for the Democratic Party of Indiana.

Kristin Caufield and **Kenny Barnes** plan to marry next May at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond with a reception to follow at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Kenny works for Wachovia-Wells Fargo, and Kristin works for St. Joseph's Villa, a Richmond nonprofit for children with special needs.

Andrew Cox spent four months at the Shark Lab in Bimini, Bahamas, investigating the habitat loss of juvenile lemon sharks. This fall, he planned to begin a master's degree program in marine affairs and policy at the University of Miami.

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We're happy to be your first Class Notes agents. We know it has not been long since graduation, but from here on out, we will be gathering information about your lives. Any information you would like to share can be sent to either of us at the emails listed above.

Ashley Fariss and **Craig Stewart** married on June 12 in Mathews, Va. Craig started a job at AECom in Richmond. **Tashina Gorgone** married Charles Harris on June 12 at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. **Blythe McLean** married Stephen Scott during spring semester 2010. **Sarah Chandler** and **Zach Kelly** married in May. **Christie Gill** married Kyle Smethurst during the winter of 2009-2010. **Melissa Eads** and **Daniel Mascher** are engaged to be married.

Jessica Barefoot took a job with the FBI in July. **Adam Schlossman** attends Maryland Law School and lives in the Baltimore Harbor area.

Andrew Smith was selected for a research internship at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy working for its Iran Security Initiative and the Project on the Middle East Peace Process, which was to end September 2010. In May, he was selected by the Carnegie Endowment for Peace–Middle East Center for a six-month position to assist Amr Hamzawy in his research on Lebanese politics in Beirut, Lebanon. In September, Andrew planned to head to Amman, Jordan, for a position at the Universal School. He was to teach American history and English literature there while he continued Arabic studies at the University of Jordan.

Enjoy, and be sure to submit your news!

IN MEMORIAM

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Lois Cornwell Draper '33
Mary Hope Harcum '35
Elizabeth Faulconer Preddy '35
Florence L. Rosen '35
Virginia Estes Vaughan '35
Elizabeth Rice Folger '36
Virginia Daughtrey Gibson '36
Katherine Wallace Silleck '36
Lorene Potter Ashley '37
Dorothea Chenault Covington '37
Dorothy Chittum Delmar '37
Elaine Winner McMillen '37
Frances Packett Wright '37
Elmer Dean Howell Brinkley '38
Ruth Harris Bartlett '39
Caroline McCalley Bray '39
Ada Byron McDaniel Nolan '39
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Tribute to Robert Johnston Boyd Jr.

Former rector of Fredericksburg's Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of William Street and College Avenue

Upon learning of the death in September of the Rev. Robert Johnston Boyd Jr., I was flooded with cherished memories of someone I had met when I was a freshman at Mary Washington in the spring of 1971. He remained an inspiration and a friend for 39 years.

Mr. Boyd served as rector of Trinity Episcopal, the closest church to campus, for 24 years. He retired in 1995.

A native of Philadelphia, he grew up in Newark, Del. He graduated from St. Alban's School in Washington, D.C., Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., and Union Seminary in Richmond, Va. He received a master of sacred theology degree from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

Mr. Boyd pursued post-graduate study at Salisbury and Wells Theological College in England. He then served as chaplain at Trinity Pawling School in Pawling, N.Y., and St. Christopher's School in Richmond, and as chaplain and assistant headmaster at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va.

Fredericksburg was blessed to have Mr. Boyd. He really knew how to communicate with teenagers and young adults. He didn't mind if you wore jeans to church; he just wanted you to come and to feel comfortable being there. Whether you were a student, a faculty member, or a townsperson, Mr. Boyd always made time to speak with you. He showed empathy and faith to many people who were in difficult situations.

Survivors include his wife, **Shirley Gibson Boyd '54.**

Those in the Mary Washington community whose lives he touched from 1971 to 1995 and beyond will miss him.

– Katherine R. "Hil" Hadden '74, Norcross, Ga.

CLOSING COLUMN

Excerpted Honor Convocation Keynote Address, Aug. 19, 2010
By The **Hon. Pamela J. White '74**, member of UMW Board of Visitors

Forty years ago, I showed up at Mary Washington and settled into my room in the basement of Marshall Hall. I had no intention of going to law school, and I could not have imagined that I would become a successful employment lawyer working for clients all over the country. And, being female and an average student at best, I had no clue that I could ever become a judge.

I chose Mary Washington because it was as far from home in New Jersey as I could get. My non-academic education was much more important to me than attending classes. By mid-September 1970, I was more likely to be returning or recovering from fraternity parties in Ashland or Charlottesville than making the trek all the way to 8 a.m. French classes in duPont Hall.

Mrs. Prassy was our House Mother, and I apparently failed to appreciate her authority and the consequences of after-curfew returns to Marshall after she locked the doors. I ran out of "grace minutes" for late arrivals, quickly used my three "overnights," and, by mid-October, I was facing a letter of probation from the college.

None of this had anything to do with the Honor Code, but it was the Honor Code that saved me. The Honor Council and its president, who had just graduated in June, had convinced the Board that students could be trusted with dorm keys. In October 1970, under the new "key system," students arriving late could sign out a key from Security to access locked dorms – as long as they promised to return the key the next morning. They were on their honor not to bring in any visitors and not to compromise the House Mother or fellow students' safety by losing the key or leaving doors unlocked.

That element of trust quickly began to permeate virtually everything we students did on and off campus. I trusted that critical library books would be shared, not stolen. I trusted that I would not get fired from Pizza Hut for serving beer to minors, because I trusted my fellow students wouldn't use fake IDs. And every time I took an exam and signed the honor oath, I felt trusted by professors and classmates.

There have been several occasions since college when I have tried to measure the value of the Honor Code in my career. When I became president of the Maryland State Bar Association in 2001, I remarked that honorable conduct is the cornerstone of success in my profession. As a lawyer, I learned how important it is for clients to trust me, to trust that I will tell them the truth, to trust my best advice. And, I learned that judges will trust what you say in court if you have a good reputation for honorable conduct.

Now, as a judge, I trust lawyers appearing before me never to lie about the facts or applicable law, to act honorably, and not to play word games or treat justice like a moving target. Effective lawyers demonstrate competence, civility, and unquestioned integrity at all times. They understand that dishonorable conduct hurts the justice system, shames the profession, and undermines society's respect for the law. Good lawyers and judges understand that the quality of their reputations depends on their characteristic integrity. The search for truth in a courtroom may be subjective, but in life, in law practice, and in the courtroom, honor is unequivocal.

I was reminded of the Honor Code when I was sworn in as a judge in 2007. An old friend and client attended the courthouse ceremony; she had been in-house counsel for AT&T for many years. I was the first woman associate in my firm, and our clients generally preferred male lawyers. I handled my first employment discrimination case for AT&T in 1978 – just one year out of law school – because their in-house counsel (the woman who would become my friend) trusted that I would figure out the law and competently represent her corporation. Mutual trust was the foundation of our successful client-attorney relationship and, later, our friendship.

It turned out that my friend was a fellow Mary Washington graduate. In fact, she was the very Honor Council president who had secured approval for the key system in 1970. I laughed years later when I thanked her for the Honor Code and the key system that had saved me from probation, allowed me to stay in school, and helped me become a '74 graduate.

I trust that the Honor Code will continue to evolve in its practical applications on campus and in your lives, as it did for me.

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UMW Family Weekend in September brought hundreds of mothers, fathers, and siblings to campus. Parents like James Paige, above, were able to check in with their sons and daughters. Jahna Paige, shown with her proud father, is a member of the Class of 2014. Mary Washington families enjoyed a weekend packed with tours, athletic events, faculty readings, concerts, a picnic, lectures, a 5K run, and an open house at Brompton.